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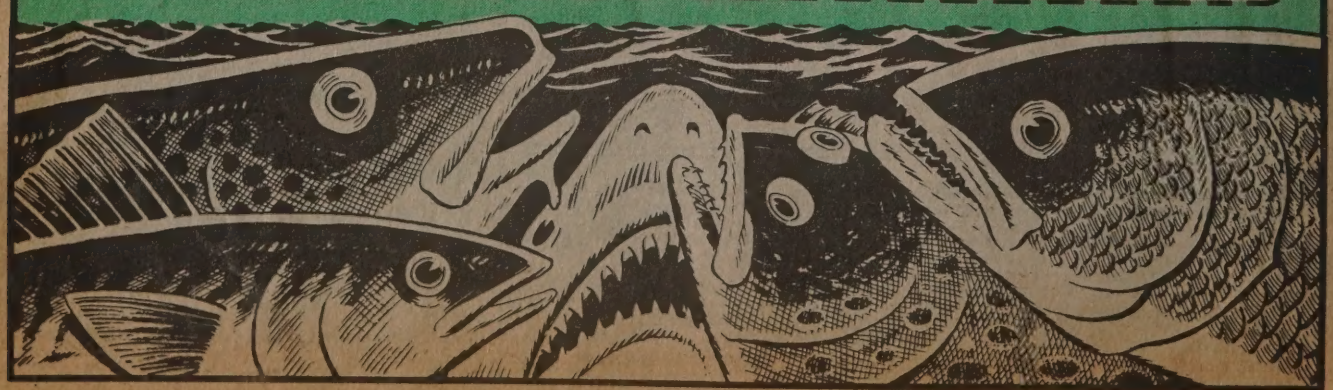

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EDITORIAL

NEW YORK SPORTFISHING FEDERATION: —ANOTHER OPPORTUNITY—

On June 29, 1982, LIF attended the first meeting of the New York Sportfishing Federation. The issue that prompted several Long Island clubs to organize this Federation is the bluefin tuna situation. For those of you who are not familiar with this issue, let us briefly summarize. The bluefin tuna was exempted from the 200-mile limit law because of heavy lobbying pressure from the West Coast tuna industry that fishes inside national waters of other countries and did not wish to see the U.S. include tuna and thus make it more embarrassing for them to fish in the national waters of other countries. Meanwhile, strict restrictions have been placed on the recreational harvest of bluefins along the East Coast. To further exacerbate the situation, foreign longline fleets (mainly Japanese) are free to harvest unlimited numbers of bluefin tuna as close as three miles off our shores. The tuna is an endangered species and thus the American Tuna Action Committee was formed to try and have the bluefin included in the 200-mile limit law. The ATAC has encouraged the formation of local federations to bring pressure on local and Congressional representatives to include tuna. Apparently, they have succeeded in gaining the support of several legislators; i.e., Senator Moynihan, Congressmen Carney, Lent).

John Mason (DEC) and Vic Rivas (South Shore Marlin and Tuna Club) have spearheaded this effort. The purpose of the first meeting was to explain the issue, gather together club representatives, seek support, and plan for the further development of the Federation. Mr. Revis also explained that although tuna would be the first issue addressed by the Federation, the goal of the Federation will be to tackle any and all problems that affect marine recreational fishermen in our area.

The Long Island Fisherman applauds this new effort to organize sport fishermen for the purpose of gaining legislative action for marine fish and marine habitats. We are fortunate that we have yet another chance to get together for the good of our species and their habitats. As we have said many times on these pages, if we protect species and habitats there will be more fish to catch and thus the individual fisherman will be happier and the marine recreational industry will prosper.

There have been other attempts. The most recent attempt was the New York Sportfishing Council that LIF formed and financed during the late 1970s. That organization is no longer in existence. Why? Because recreational fishermen were not able to put aside their private concerns and petty differences. It seems that too many people are prone to ask the question: "What's in it for me?" Again, that isn't important. If we work for species and their habitats there will, by natural consequence, be plenty in it for all of us. If the glass falls, will it not break?

This new opportunity sounds and looks a lot like the New York Sportfishing Council. It is regrettable that historically fishermen have waffled from one organization to the next unable to organize for effective action. This time must be different. We cannot afford to allow ourselves to come out of the woodwork only when a species or an issue dear to us surfaces and then allow ourselves to creep back between the floorboards once that issue is resolved. If surf fishermen cannot get the support of tuna fishermen, if rowboat fishermen cannot get the support of surf fishermen, if we cannot learn to recognize that it's all ONE BIG PROBLEM, then we will win little and our sport will continue to diminish. This is the real world and in the real world being on the RIGHT side isn't enough. Private interests work hard for their interests and thus, if we really care and really are committed and really love our sport fishing, then we MUST participate.

There are many ways to participate. Not everyone has to attend meetings or be active in doing the tedious leg work. One can stay at home and write letters, make phone calls, and urge others to help. How we vote can also be crucial and the right contributions to the right groups can also help. People are needed to do all of these things. There are 2.3 million of us in the New York area and, at present, the rate of participation is less than one percent. Is it any wonder then that legislators don't listen hard to what we say?

The formation of the New York Sportfishing Federation is welcomed. For the first time fishermen with wealth and influence have thrust themselves significantly into the fight to protect marine recreational fishing. With the money and influence available to these tuna anglers and with some help from

the rest of us, they have a good chance to succeed in adding significantly to the management of the bluefin tuna. We applaud their concern and their commitment. Yet, it must be made very clear at the outset that those who can and do fish for bluefin tuna are a small number indeed. The typical fisherman is a bank and pier jockey, a rowboat fisherman, or a party boat patron. Tuna are not at the top of their most wanted list. These anglers have been concerned about other species and other issues for decades. The battle to protect striped bass, for example, goes back to the 1960s here on Long Island; the concern for over-netting of spring spawning weakfish goes back to the 1930s; efforts to protect wetlands spans several decades; bunker harvesting in Long Island Sound has been an issue since the late 1960s; PCB pollution, more boat launch ramps, protection for fishermen at state parks, bluefish management, and dredge spoils dumping are but some of the issues of great concern to marine recreational fishermen. We cannot help but believe that had the wealth and influence of marlin and tuna clubs been committed to these causes over a decade ago, that today there would be many laws and regulations on the books that could have prevented the development of these numerous dilemmas.

Thus, it must be clear that all recreational fishermen expect a long range and multifaceted commitment. There is responsibility and obligation to be answered to. Okay, all recreational fishermen should care about bluefin tuna because it is a great animal that swims in the sea and for some, a great sport fish. However, all fishermen must care about weakfish, blues, striped bass, fluke, wetlands, pollution, dumping, etc. It is implicit in the Judeo-Christian code that we care. That code expects us to care about all life, including our fellow man.

Thus, we must not squander another opportunity and we must make the leadership of the Federation aware that their responsibility to all of us and all marine ecosystems transcends their present concern for tuna.

We are not promoting a petty difference in printing this discussion. Instead we are saying that history should not immobilize us and make us bitter to the present. Yet, we must learn from history so that we refrain from making the same mistakes over and over again. We also need to accept the responsibility that each of us can make unique contributions to the marine conservation effort and those with wealth and influence have been sorely missing from the ranks of those who have fought so many problems for so many years. Now that the sleeping giant has awakened we welcome them to the fight and insist that they stay with us—to the end! There have been two glaring deficiences in our efforts for marine conservation. One has been the reluctance of the average fisherman to pick up a pen or a phone, and the other has been the absence of wealth and social influence. The addition of large and wealthy tuna clubs to the battle provides the opportunity to fill in the latter defect, while the acceptance of a saltwater license will fill the cavity that results when the average angler does not write or call.

We must be able to rid ourselves of the emotional hangups associated with a saltwater license simply because the potential good far outweighs the distaste of another tax. Remember, the Constitution guarantees that there shall be no taxation without representation. With the right license there will be a force of two million marine anglers, however quiet they may choose to be, and that force will have to be reckoned with. Whether people write letters or not, there will be two million real voting people who have paid a tax and thus have a right to expect that legislators respond to their needs and concerns.

When these two pieces fall into place, the rate of our accomplishments will skyrocket; wealth and influence plus an army of two million. We applaud the formation of the Federation and extend both our good wishes for its success and a request for all of our readers to join this Federation to ensure a long success and a meaningful step in the direction of greater political influence in the protection of marine fish and marine habitats. We will keep you informed of further developments.

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Club member George Hodum boated a dusky shark while Tom Montalbano had a blue shark. Assisting with the gaffing and roping, Steve Antonoff.

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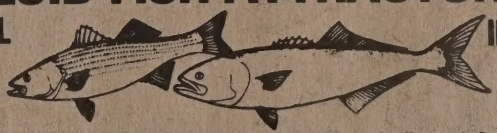

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THE SURF:
What To Look For

by Herb Buch

If you have ever stood in the surf at dawn, and wondered why any fish would possibly be right in front of you—join the club. Every surf caster has known that desolate feeling after casting fruitlessly for hours and at dawn, looking out on endless miles of water, which you are now convinced are empty of fish. At that point, at least once a year, some big stupid fish will rise to your plug, swirl violently, and convince you that there is no other form of fishing which is as rewarding as this one.

We all like to think that we are reaping the harvest of our expertise and hard work. More and more, the fish are convincing me that all it takes is hard work. Put in your time with plug, tin, tube, or bait in the water, and eventually you will be rewarded. It doesn't seem to matter where you go or at what time, someone has caught or will catch a good fish there. This does not mean that all of us will reap the same reward. Some end a bad season with 20 or 30 stripers to their credit; others fish many years to catch one. The lucky prize does not reflect the realities of the game. Let's check into the reasons why any fish are likely to see your presentation in that small area which you can reach from the shore line.

One September afternoon, I drove down to Rockaway beach for a little casting. The tide was coming in and the wind was strong from the southwest. Swimmers were body surfing in the turbulent waves, but as I watched, I saw swirls recurring at different locations up and down the beach. The

few casters present had to locate stretches of beach without swimmers, but no matter where they tried, their metal lures were located by hungry schoolies. This, to some, would be called classic bass water. Old-timers know that a flat surf, without a ripple can, at times, be just as productive. However, we are interested in why those fish were there.

The basis for all life on earth is the productive capacity of green plants. They are the only organisms which can combine air, water, and minerals to form the complex molecules of carbohydrates, proteins, vitamins and fats needed by all living things. The seaweeds which we are familiar with, form only a small part of the food manufacturing potential of the seas. The major food output depends upon the free floating, one-celled plants which inhabit the upper levels of the waters of the world. Grouped with these tiny plants are the larvae of most sea animals and this mass of tiny free-living organisms is known as plankton. The larvae eat the tiny plants, baby fish eat the larvae, bait-fish eat some or all and big fish eat baitfish. This food chain is part of the answer to the bass water which I described. Winds help to move the bait around. Onshore winds also cause a rough surf which makes it easier for the large fish to catch the smaller ones. If larger fish are in the area, feeding sprees will develop, very often at many points along the south shore at the same time.

During the fall, winds from the north may trigger the migration of small fish, like snappers and mullet. All fish seem to love mullet, and also the snapper blues which are even more abundant. Game fish will greet these migrants at the inlets, ambush them at the jetties, and follow them along the open beaches. The best surf fishing of the year takes place in the fall because of the available mass of food due to these migrations, and the apparent heavy feeding of the larger fish before their own migrations.

How do we explain the presence of fish on the beach during spring, or summer, especially when winds are not favorable. Judging by recent surf fishing in our area, you might say, "There ain't any." The fishing is not as good as it used to be, but some fish are taken.

A sand beach looks like a desert, but it is not like it in one important way. The presence of water guarantees the existence of life. The south shore's sand does not offer a solid base for the attachment of weeds, so we may think of it as lifeless. In spite of this, certain tiny organisms can live in the sand and survive in tremendous numbers. Because the particles of sand are irregular in shape and have spaces between them, large numbers of one-celled organisms use them as a home base. Many kinds of worms, from microscopic forms, to snake size sand worms survive by eating these tiny creatures or each other. Little shrimp-like animals graze along the bottom, and hide in the sand. Clams of many kinds lie buried in the sand, but filter their food from the water. Calico crabs prey on the others, and also on any fish that they can catch. Sand eels dig in or emerge now and then. The sand bug or mole crab catches tiny floating organisms from the waves as they flow back down the beach. Because of their habits of hiding or living in the sand, we rarely see these creatures, but after a storm, you may find the south shore beaches littered with skimmer clams in numbers that are hard to believe. Fish find it easy to locate many of these potential meals during the hours of darkness, or when rough water roils up the sands.

Because fish search for these supplies of food for generations, we used to have a regular spring run of stripers in the surf to prey on the abundant worms. We will also see the surf populated with kingfish, fluke, and weakfish through a good part of the year.

In the meantime, what can we do to improve our own chances to take the fish that are present? Number one on the list is to go fishing as often as possible, talk to others, read The Fisherman, observe everything that you can, and evaluate your experiences. I mentioned before that good fish may turn up just about anywhere. You now know that food is available wherever there is water. Let me give one example.

During a bright sunny day late in June, I was walking the beach along the shore of Jamaica Bay not too far from the inlet. The water along this stretch is very shallow, and a long way from a channel. A young man in swim trunks was casting a Hopkins repeatedly into this shallow quiet water. When question he produced a very nice bluefish which he had taken at high water. This one fish changed a beach picnic into a memorable occasion. Everything was wrong, but he had the fish and the memory of a hard fight to keep him casting when things would be slow.

Regulars are aware of these occurrences, but like to have as much of an edge as possible, due to the erratic nature of the sport. For most of us, surf fishing involves hard work and lots of time to be even occasionally productive. We are constantly on the lookout for places that either draw or hold fish. Along sand beaches there are three basic structures that should be checked out. Inlets are number one on my list. Second would be run-outs, or cut in a sand bar; third are holes or sloughs.

Inlets offer the fish a chance to forage in the food rich bays or creeks as well as a meal in the outgoing currents. The presence of jetties adds to the likelihood of success, because they offer additional food and protection for both small and large fish.

Walk the beach at low tide away from an inlet on a clear calm day and you will spot litle cuts that run out from the beach, and some that go through the sand bars. Ma... may be insignificant, but they're not. Last fall, a friend and I were working the beach on Fire Island at dawn. The wind was from the northwest, but it was early October and we thought that there might be some action at high water. By eight o'clock everyone knew that it was a lost cause. In walking back, I noticed a little swirl at a run-out. Putting on a small bucktail, I proceeded to catch a small jack crevalle and a few snappers. Each run-out produced action.

I know that you are out for bigger game, but think about the night tides. Where would a big fish look for food? Your fresh caught snappers might do wonders after dark. Unfortunately, the locations of these run-outs change with the winds and waves. Sometimes it pays to mark the beach in a way that only you can recognize at a later time.

Holes and sloughs can also be found at low tide. If there are high dunes, you can spot them on calm days during any stage of the tide by the deeper color of the water. Fish can lie in these holes and wait for bait to swim by, or pick off the sand dwellers that are washed loose at the lips of the hole by wave action. A slough or cut that is parallel to the beach, forms a long feeding shelf for fish on both the beach and sand bar edges. In addition, it has deep water to shelter the larger fish from water turbulence and enemies.

Our north shore beaches have all of the same types of structure, plus rocks of all sizes. Many forms of sea weed need something solid to attach to, and where there are plants there will be varied assortments of small animals plus fish that feed on both. Rip up a few mussels from a rock or jetty at low tide and if you look closely, you will almost certainly see some worms, and abundant small crustaceans of many forms. The problem here, just as on the sand beaches is the fact that fish may be anywhere.

Once again, the experienced angler narrows down his choices, and improves his chances. Any of the places already mentioned provide easy feeding for the fish. However, a long stretch of rocks is like an unlimited cafeteria. Where do they eat? It could be anywhere, but points of land will produce tide rips, and coupled with rocks, these locations are likely to be first-rate fish producers. The best known example is under the light at Montau.

Over the years we learn the most likely spots to take fish, and the tidal periods which make them productive. Then we can plan a trip so that if our favorite spot is blank, we know another place that could be good on the same stage of the tide or a little later. Studying the surf is a life-long project, and it requires the help of observant buddies, and lots of reading to help us put it all together. We will never know it all, but one good sized fish can make you an addict.

SPINNER BAITS & POPPERS

by Ed Mesunas

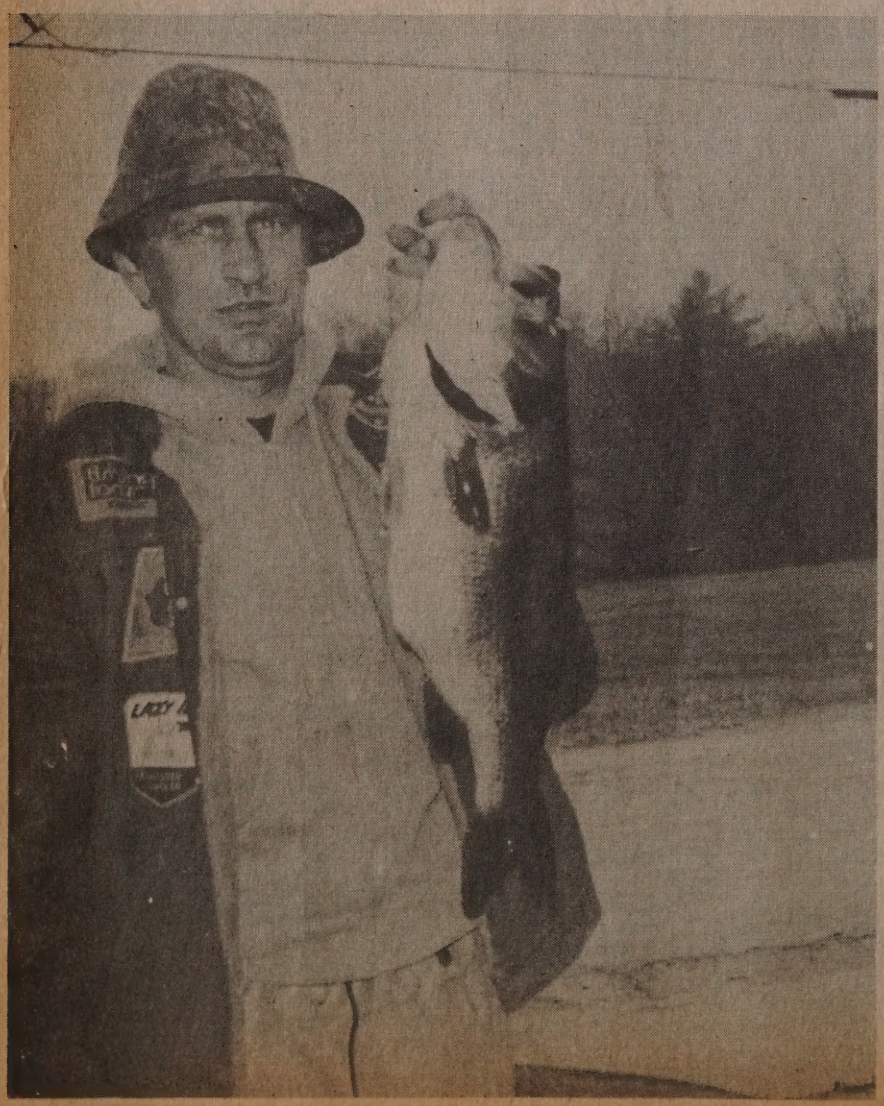
The spinnerbait, like most other bass artificials, was on the market a number of years before it bloomed into popularity. Now it's one of the essentials in a freshwater tackle box.

The leadhead, bent wire and blade that make up a spinnerbait attract bass three ways: color, flash and vibration. Probably the biggest plus going for the bait, though, is its versatility.

A spinner bait is great for top water use. By starting the retrieve as soon as it hits the water and holding the rod high, the blade will catch air and break the water's surface. Working your rod and retrieve differently will enable you to fish just below the surface, causing the bait to form a wake. Both retrieves are fine ways to avoid underwater weeds and perk up the ears of any nearby bass. You may want to combine those retrieves and see if that's what the fish want.

Maybe the bass are looking for something in the deep. The way to find out is to let the spinnerbait hit bottom, retrieve slowly and keep the rod low. Another deep variation is to lift the lure from the bottom a few inches or even a few feet and letting it flutter back down again. That fluttering action, by the way, is good near the surface, too. After buzzing the spinnerbait near the top for a few feet, let it fall one to three feet and then start over again.

If there are ledges or sharp drops in the area, spinnerbaits often produce by easing them over the "cliff" and letting them tumble down. If there are a series of drops, taking the bait for a walk down the stairs is another effective retrieve.



The spinnerbait's vibration is the key to detecting a strike. Often there's no problem telling when a bass has the bait, but sometimes there's only a gentle nudge. Close attention to the rhythm of the revolving blade will result in more hookups. When the vibration momentarily stops, set the hook.

Casting topwater plugs in the morning or evening stillness is everyone's mental picture of classic bass fishing. The tranquility of the day and the expectation of sudden visible strikes from shore line bass combine to create a special outing.

Most fishermen revert to surface plugging in the summer months for a few reasons. The transition from night to day or vice versa is when fish prowl the shallows to feed. A couple hours of morning or evening plugging also fits nicely around work schedules.

Part of what makes topwater bassing so special is that it's limited to those couple of hours. By quickly establishing the retrieve for the day, anglers can get the most out of their fishing time. And the rhythm of the plug working through the shallows is what the retrieve is all about. The rhythm turns the bass on to the plug.

Too many fishermen retrieve their plugs haphazardly. Those who are patient and persistent enough to try a few different retrieves are the ones who will most often unlock what type of rhythm the bass want that day.

One way to start out is with two jerks and a pause. Then try three jerks or maybe one jerk before the pause. By varying the types of jerks and the lengths of pauses, the possible rhythms become endless. Sooner or later, you will hit on what the finicky finners want. Hopefully sooner.

Stick with each variation at least a few times, but keep in mind that too much noise can scare away fish as often as it attracts them. A general guideline to try is: quiet plugs on calm water and noisier ones on more rippled waters. For instance, a floating minnow for the crack of dawn might be good, then a propeller plug maybe after half an hour. Later still, a popper could be the ticket. Most bass anglers used to fish poppers slowly, but the trend nowadays is to bloop it along without so many pauses and, in turn, cover more territory.

Again, these are only general suggestions for sending out productive rhythms. Only peace is guaranteed in top water fishing. Even that's broken when a lunker hits your plug.

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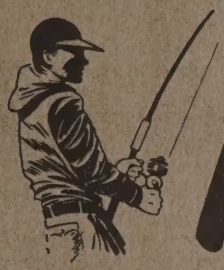

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FLUKE TACTICS

by John Konior

While most of you know a great deal about fluke, I believe that some background may be valuable. First off, fluke are members of the flatfish family. At birth, its appearance is just like any other fish. However, nature performs its miracle and transforms the "normal looking" fish into one that has a top side and a bottom side, much in appearance to a flounder. Both of its eyes are located on its left (or top) side. The top side is generally brown or black and tends to blend with the bottom it is on. The bottom side is stark white. The flounder, by the way, has its eyes on its right (or top) side, which is just the reverse of the fluke.

Unlike a flounder, the fluke is carnivorous, and is armed with a fairly large mouth loaded with tiny, albeit, very sharp teeth. Its mouth, however, tends to be somewhat tissue thin which allows hooks to wear holes into it, often resulting in the hook falling out, or ripping out. It is for this reason that fluke should always be netted.

Fluke prefer sand bottoms, but are also found over mud bottoms and around wrecks and bridges. They have a distinct preference for water where a good current is running. They can generally be found around inlets, and in channels in back bay areas, as well as in the ocean over open bottom and especially around wrecks during the fall.

As a general rule, fluke tend to concentrate at the edge of channels, or in holes where bait can be washed to them. Therefore, contoured bottoms are particularly good spots, such as out in the rips off Montauk.

Fluke are avid feeders. While considered a bottom fish, they will chase bait to the surface, and will follow a bait. Among natural baits, fluke will hit strips of squid, searobin, fluke belly; killies, spearing, sand eels, smelts, live or dead snappers, butterfish, bergalls, clam, and even sea worms, particularly whole sand worms. They will also go for artificials such as white or yellow jigs and jelly worms.

In our area, fluke start showing up in mid-May, particularly around inlets. By June and through August they have scattered throughout inshore waters. By September they begin gathering for their migration, and during September and October are once again concentrated in or by inlets. Fluke can still be caught into late October/early November near inshore wrecks.

The average fluke is not large, but size can vary considerably. I would guess that the average size fish runs 2-2½ lbs., measuring 16"-18". Quite a few fish are in the 4-5 lb. range. Anything over 5 lbs. is considered a "doormat." Fluke have been caught exceeding 20 lbs. There is a legal restriction concerning size. A fluke must measure a minimum of 14", from its tail to its lower lip. Fines for "shorts" are considerable; e.g., $50 for the first fish and $25 for each additional short. I don't know why anyone would want to keep a small fluke anyway because there's not much meat to be had.

Before I end this dialogue, it's important to mention a very crucial aspect of catching fluke. Although fluke are voracious feeders, they tend to attempt to maim the bait first before swallowing it. For this reason, never set the hook upon feeling the first strike. Depending upon how you're going about fishing for them, i.e., anchored or drifting, allow your line to go slack, or in free spool for 5-10 seconds. Then engage and slowly reel in slack. This allows the fish to swallow the bait, and you'll be far more successful in both hooking and landing your fish. Once weight is felt, or a sharp tug, set the hook smartly and reel in. You will be rewarded by a dogged/downward fight, or the fish will merely swim towards you offering little resistance. In either case, once the fish is spotted get the net ready. More fluke are lost at the boat because the angler believes the fish is tired. More often than not, once the fluke spies the boat or net, it dives hard. If the net isn't handy, the hook may pull out, and in the case of a doormat, the line may snap if the dag isn't set properly. I can't emphasize more the importance of adhering to the aforementioned techniques for hooking and landing fluke. Oh, one more point. When netting, always net the fish head first. Try netting it from behind one day and see what happens.

So much for the background. Now I'd like to get into discussions concerning tackle, baits/chum, rigs/hooks technique, and location.

I prefer to keep my tackle on the light/medium side. A 6'-6½' spinning or conventional rod, and a medium spinning or light conventional reel is fine. I use 12-14 lb. test mono with the spinning reel and 20-25 lb. test mono on the conventional reel. Regardless of which outfit you use keep in mind that it will be necessary to release line upon detecting the initial hit, especially when you're drifting for fluke. Many anglers find this practice easier with a conventional reel since you can leave your reel in free spool, and thumbing the spool to prevent line from being released. However, this can also be accomplished with a spinning reel by leaving the bail open, and keeping your index finger on the lip of the spool. Once the fish has taken the bait, engage the bail and reel.

With regard to sinker weight. When drifting, use sufficient weight to hold bottom without letting out a mile of line. You're more apt to detect and hook a fluke with as little line out as possible, plus you're not as prone to pick up as much weed. When anchored, the same rule applies.

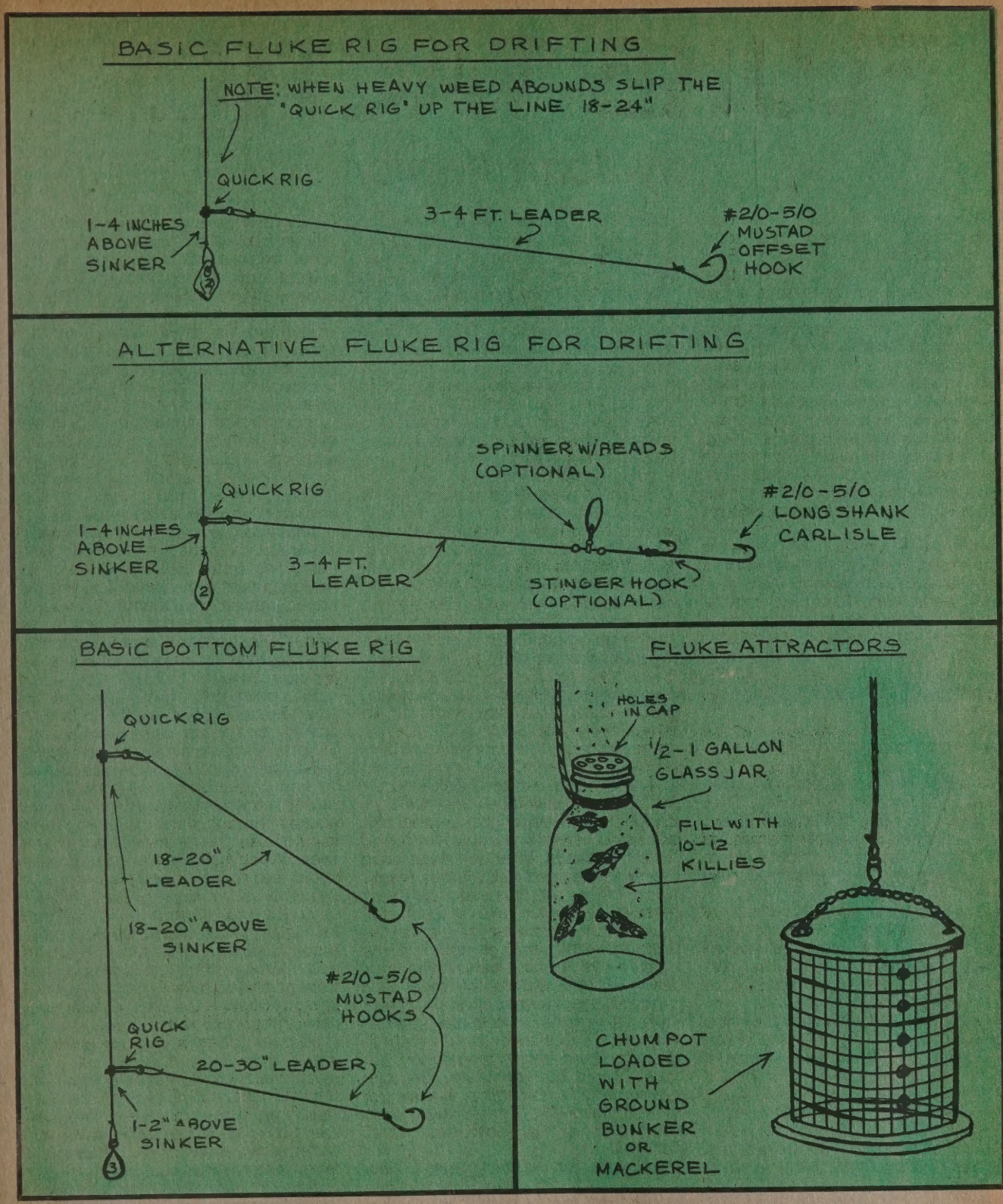
As noted previously, fluke will take a variety of baits. A mistake that many anglers make when fishing on the open sea is to use killies. Killies are not natural inhabitants of the open ocean, and, therefore, do not work well. Aside from this exception, baits used in bays/inlets are the same as for open ocean.

Bait presentation will differ somewhat depending upon whether you're drifting or fishing while anchored. Sand eels are one of the most effective baits when drift fishing. Hook one to three, depending on size, once through the eyes. Killies should be hooked through the lips. A spearing should also be hooked through the eyes. When using strip bait such as squid, sea robin, fluke belly, etc., cut the strip so it's approximately 4"-5" long; the top portion should be one inch wide, and it should be tapered to a point; slit the point for 1"-1½" to add flutter. Hook the strip once through the wide end. You may want to try a whole sand worm. Insert the hook through its mouth once.

Since at anchor the leader is not as apt to twist as in drifting, you can insert the hook through the eyes and into the mid-section of such baits as sand eel, smelt, spearing or dead snapper. Killies can be hooked just under or to the rear of the dorsal fin to allow them more freedom to swim.

A live snapper can also be hooked in this manner. Strip baits are attached in the same fashion as in drifting, as is true with a sand worm. During the late summer, clam can be a very effective bait, particularly when fishing near or at bridges. Use a strip cut from the belly, with some of the clam lip attached. The soft part should extend slightly from the hook with the lip part allowed to trail off.

Artificials are, at times, quite effective, particularly during the early season. White or yellow jigs, tipped with a small strip of squid, worked slowly along the bottom will often



produce results when all else fails. Jelly worms, also tipped with a small strip of squid, may also work. However, when using a jelly worm it's a good practice to attach a trailer hook to prevent it from being bitten off.

While not truly a lure in itself, the addition of spinners to the hook's leader may attract fluke because of its flash when drifted. I'm not one for adding these spinners because they tend to become entangled with weed, are not effective when anchored, and are somewhat suspect even when drifting.

The use of chum when anchored can be a very effective method. Ground bunker or mackerel do the trick. Several methods can be employed. First, use a chum pot. I prefer buying or grinding the chum beforehand. I usually will buy a 3 gallon can, then separate it into quart milk containers, which I freeze. The quart size fits nicely into a chum pot, and by being frozen tends to disperse slowly. Four to six quarts are usually sufficient, and what you don't use you can refreeze. The second method involves mixing a quart of chum with a gallon of water. The resulting gruel is ladled overboard periodically. Both methods can be used concurrently.

When it comes to rigging, your choice of hooks is varied. I've had quite a bit of success using a short shank, acutely offset Mustad hook in sizes 2/0-5/0. Other good patterns are long shank Carlisle or Beak, sizes 3/0-4/0, or short shank Beak 3/0-4/0. For as long as I care to remember,

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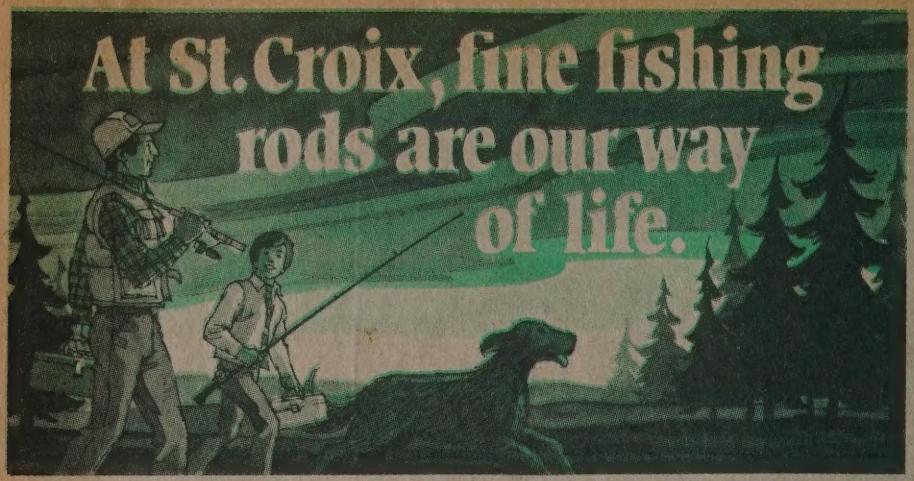

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the long shank style of hook was preferred. I believe this came about as a result of the fluke's tendency to swallow the hook. A long shank makes removal easier. On the other hand, fluke have quite sharp teeth. Thus the long shank minimizes the possibility of the fish biting into the leader. While the preceding may be true, I've had no trouble utilizing a short shank hook.

Concerning leader length: the custom is to use long leaders, i.e., 3'-4' in length. This tends to hold true when drifting. In fact, during the latter stages of the season, the longer the leader the better are the results. On the other hand, excessively long leaders are not required when anchored. A leader measuring 18''-24'' is more than sufficient; more on this aspect as we discuss rigs. Here again, choice of rigs depends upon whether you're drifting or anchored.

When drifting, a long leadered hook (3'-4') is attached to the line close to or at the bottom directly above the sinker. The leader can be attached via a loop knot, a three-way swivel, or a ''quick rig.'' I choose to use the ''quick rig,'' because of the ability to slide it on the line to vary the hook's height. I've found that on most occasions the hook should be attached 4''-8'' above the sinker. By raising the hook in this manner, it's less apt to foul in seaweed and because it's off the bottom somewhat allows the bait more freedom of action, as opposed to being dragged over the bottom.

One or two hooks may be employed when anchored. In each case I use a ''quick rig.'' The bottom hook (having a 24'' leader) is attached 1''-2'' above the sinker, and the high hook (having an 18'' leader) is attached 18''-24'' above the first hook. As I pointed out before, fluke will leave the bottom in chasing bait; I've caught as many fish on the high hook as with the low hook.

When using only one hook, stick to a 24'' leader and attach it 8''-12'' above the sinker. The advantages of keeping your hook off the bottom is that you will minimize the likelihood of having your bait munched on by pesty crabs, and/or becoming entangled with seaweed.

Obviously this section deals with drifting, or anchoring, but also addresses shore casting. We've covered mos of the techniques in drift fishing. However, try to establish your pattern of drift along the edge of channels or over contoured bottom. If wind/current does not allow same, drift cross channel starting on one edge and ending on the other.

As for anchoring techniques, it's a rare occasion where I don't chum when anchored. The chum pot should be lowered towards the bow, so that it settles somewhat under the stern. This will ensure that the fish following the scent will come to the boat, and should prevent your rig from becoming entangled with the chum pot.

I employ two rods. One I set as close to the stern as possible, the other further out. I bring along a

variety of bait and vary selection accordingly, often combining baits on the same hook such as killy/squid. Throughout much of the early season I've found that live killies are very effective, on high and low hooks (May-July). During August, spearing works very well. Towards the end of August through early October, live snappers, smelt and large killies work best. I've also had considerable success using clam bait during the late summer/early fall particularly when fishing at or near bridges.

I suppose that the next item fits here. An old technique used to attract fluke is to obtain a large glass jar, and puncture the cap with several holes. A line is tied around the mouth of the jar. The jar is filled with saltwater and a dozen or so large killies are placed in it. The jar is then lowered to the bottom. Many anglers swear by this method, so give it a try.

Keep in mind that the rule when anchored, as is true when drifting, is not to strike upon detecting the first hit. Fluke will often strike a bait hard in a chum line, but more often will not. The first detection of a hit may be a very slight nibble. When detected, release line and lower the rod tip waiting a few seconds. Then engage reel, and slowly lift rod tip. When you feel weight or a tug, set the hook sharply. If you miss the fish, immediately lower the rig and wait a minute. Chances are, unless the bait is stolen, the fish will come back.

I regret to some extent that I am limited by having my boat moored along the south shore in Seaford. There are excellent spots in Montauk, Hampton Bays, Moriches Bay, off the Rockaways, and Captree. On the other hand, I've made the best of the situation in that there are quite a number of decent locations quite close to my home port.

May-June: Jones Inlet, the eastern end of Reynolds Channel, Sloop Channel, just west of the third Meadowbrook Bridge and Merrick Point in East Bay are good.

June-July: The entire length of the Sloop Channel, Swift Creek (where it joins the Sloop Channel), the 4 Corners just south of Seaford Harbor, Haunts Creeks, the Amity Channel and the entire length of the State Boat Channel and the creeks and flats off Massapequa Cove are tops.

August: Just about any creek or channel throughout the bays.

Late August/September: Try by bridges or near inlets for best results.

October: In the inlets, or just outside of them and especially on an inshore wreck such as the Stone Barge near Jones Inlet.

The methods and techniques described should improve your chances of catching your share of more and larger fluke, assuming that they're still around. Any trick or knowledge should be employed now to make your catch worthwhile. I truly hope you catch your share and if you know something that works that I didn't mention please let me know.

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by Matt Ahern

"The Bay" hosted some of the finest open boats on the coast during the early part of the century. They also caught loads of fish!

I'm tired. Not physically tired, or even mentally tired. Just exhausted by letters from Doubting Thomases who take pen in hand and rake me over the coals whenever I write about old-time fishing. Put them all together and they come out something like this: "Why don't you knock it off! All those tales about that good fishing—who believes it? Not me! It is impossible for fishing to be that good! You dreamer, you!" And on and on, all in the same vein.

I suppose I shouldn't feel this way, for perhaps if I had begun fishing only recently and read those stories, I, too, would feel the same resentment. So, all you old-timers out there who read these words, let us be compassionate. After all, these fellows didn't live through those times; they never had the opportunity to actually know good fishing on a daily basis as we did.

Now, these have, and had been, my thoughts for a good, long time. I kept them to myself, for how could I prove all that good fishing I often write about actually happened? I was just going along on faith, faith that the readers of The Fisherman would believe what I wrote. This is what sustained me. Of course, I know most of you fellows do believe, for many of you write and tell me so. It was those doubting letters that troubled me.

Then came a letter from Anthony Zaragoza of Wantagh. Tony sent me a very nice letter telling me about his dad's fishing days in the long ago. He also enclosed the photo you see of that beautiful yacht, Sachem, which sailed as a party boat from Sheepshead Bay when I was a kid. Tony's dad made frequent trips aboard the Sachem and often told his son of those wonderful, wonderful fishing days. I don't think you can convince Tony that those stories I write are a lot of hooey. It is quite possible I knew Tony's dad, for I also fished aboard the Sachem at that time. I like to think so, anyway.

It is Tony's letter and photo of the Sachem which is responsible for this article, and I certainly thank him for his kindness in sharing with us.

When I first received the photo, I thought: Well, here now, here's a good subect for an old-time article on Sheepshead Bay's long ago party boats. Then a day or two later, another thought came to mind: Matt, you old fool, not only can you write about the Sachem, you've got proof squirreled away that show fishing was exactly as you say.

And the proof lay in the scores of yellowed fishing reports I had clipped from the daily fishing columns of 50 or more years ago. I had done this, not religiously (which I now regret) but only as the spirit moved, from 1928 to 1933. Later, I am going to quote exactly from those clippings, proof, if you will, that fishing was all I say it was.

But first a little about that beautiful Sachem.

The Sachem was at one time Thomas A. Edison's yacht when he was conducting hush-hush experiments on secret cruises to the Caribbean during the First World War. It was later sold to Roland L. Taylor, Philadelphia banker. It was then taken over by Captain Jacob Martin of Sheepshead Bay. Old-timers need no introduction to Captain Martin, for he was famous as one of the best party boat skippers in the business. Before me I have a clipping which quotes Captain Martin at the time:

"She will be queen of the Sheepshead Bay fishing fleet when she's ready the middle of next month (Spring, 1932). As you know there are a lot of once famous boats down here, but the Sachem will show them a thing or two.

"Captain Stephens' Au Revoir—Commodore Gould's old yacht—is 181 feet long and the biggest of the fleet so far. Well, the Sachem is exactly 182 feet overall.

"The Sylph, which was once the official yacht of the Secretary of the Navy, is said by some to be the fastest of the fishing fleet now. She makes 15 knots, they say. Well, I'll bet we beat it on the run to the banks off Atlantic City." (And I'll bet they did!)

Captain Martin said (and I'm still quoting from the clipping) that changes being made on the Sachem to fit her for new role include installation of bulkheads, adding lifeboats, putting in a new fire system and handrails. He estimated that 250 anglers can be carried with ease on the yacht.

The Sachem cost $250,000 to build in 1900, and after the war she was rebuilt at a cost of $185,000. She still carries launches costing $8,500 and $6,500 respectively, which were put on her in 1919. (End of clipping.)

Now with all that, anyone can see why the Sachem was quite an addition to the Sheepshead Bay fishing fleet. It was a pleasure to sail on her, and she was able and most seaworthy. I can tell you of rough weather trips to Atlantic City when I was aboard that would curl your hair in the telling, but we always came home with fish. But this is a subject for a future Old Time article.

Now we come to the proof that fishing was as good as I tell about in my stories about those long-ago times. Again, I will quote exactly from those yellowed-with-age fishing column clippings. I will also include the names of fishermen who made those trips, with the fond hope that somewhere in the readership of The Fisherman, someone will recognize a loved one.

Sea Bass By The Thousands: The long jaunt to Atlantic City, N.J. made on Tuesday by thirty-eight anglers aboard the Glory, proved worthwhile, for their combined efforts resulted in 2,126 sea bass.

The prizes went to H. Frohmme, Mrs. A. Rhuby and F. Johnson respectively. One group, including Dr. J. Lythe and Mrs. Lythe; Mr. and Mrs. E.J. Philips; Rene Arbib; B. Illoway and Miss H. Jacobs, accounted for 325. F. Haggerty and P. Hanrahan had 102; J. Klein, 82; Paul Reinert, 99; F. Johnson, 84; P. Kaplan, 93; Mr. and Mrs. W. Barthel with Mrs. Rhuby, 230; W. and E. Grammlich, 172; Gus Stahlman, 72; and H. Fromme, 109.

98-Year-Old Angler Shows 'Em: A 98-year-old angler, Fred Wightman, showed the way to the younger regulars aboard the Elmar with Captain Joe Ecock on Wednesday. Mr. Wightman caught a 12 lb. fluke which captured first honors for the day, in addition to a large mess of fluke and porgies.

Second honors went to L.J. Miller with an 11 lber., and D. Logazo was third with one of 7½ lbs.

This was a banner day for the anglers, two of them, B. Holler and Mr. Miller, getting 100 fish each. Frank Mistretta had 80.

Plenty of Bass and Porgies: Two and three sea bass and porgies at a

clip was what the new spot over which the Giralda threw her anchor on Sunday produced down off Manasquan, N.J., according to Joseph Sachs.

Ernest Vatt won first prize with a 4½ lb. bass. He had 66 fish. A 6½ lb. blackfish and an 11 lb. fluke, the latter caught by George Reidel, were awarded honors in the ship's contest.

With the Sheepshead Bay Fleet: Despite the haze that was over the ocean Wednesday, requiring a little more time for the skippers to locate their wrecks, the deep sea fishing was creditable.

Seabright, N.J. attracted most of the vessels of Sheepshead Bay with the R.C. Lundy and Johnny Michaels' America recording about 40 fish per man. While the sea bass predominated aboard the former boat, the big blackfish took the honors on the America, where a 10 lb. black won the prize.

The catch of the Helen H might be considered average. Eleven anglers aboard her pulled in 532 bass and porgies.

The Whitby, the early morning boat frequented by the veterans who like to be on the water with the crack of dawn, also finished well up on the list of the day's catches.

Thousands of Sea Bass: Saturday's trip of the Glory of Sheepshead Bay netted, by actual count, 3,939 sea bass and porgies taken at the Atlantic City grounds. (Yes, that's 3,939!) Here are some of the bags: S. Gress and son, 108; L. Huntington, 78; S. Mayer, 79; L. Mariani, 77; A. Brackelbusch and son, 103; Mr. and Mrs. Heinrichs, 171; H. Fromme, 81; and P. Kaplan and A. Frazier, 184 fish.

C. Bartel and R. Peterson caught first and second prizes respectively.

Best Fishing Ever: Captain Jacob Martin of the Glory of Sheepshead Bay reports anent his activities:

"For the past few weeks on our Atlantic City trips we have been fishing the Five Pound wreck with wonderful results.

"In all my experience as a fishing captain, I have never seen so many fish come over the rail at one time. The average catch per man has been 85 fish. Many of the bass weigh three, four, and five pounds, and the porgies are getting larger each trip."

Plenty of Bass and Porgies: Joseph Palarini, the "Joe" of Brooklyn restaurant fame, deserted his culinary activities for a day to go fishing on Tuesday aboard the Giralda of Sheepshead Bay.

He proved that he knew how to serve up appetizing dishes to the fish as well, for with Mrs. Palarini and a party he accounted for 500 porgies and sea bass. This was Mrs. Palarini's first fishing effort and she did well.

The day's catch was a large one. B. Walker was high hook with 136 fish. Dr. Cuom had 72 and P.E. Cappel had 58.

Porgies Off Rockaway: The wrecks east of Rockaway are fertile porgy territory evidently. Dora, of Sheepshead Bay, has been concentrating her activities there of late and her catches provide ample confirmation of this report.

A typical catch brought in from these grounds recently included the following: A. Silverman, 65; J. Kinnalnon, 66 porgies, 6 sea bass, 9 fluke; J. Dean, 40 porgies; J. Hataier, 87 porgies; and F.J. Schaub, 70 porgies and 2 pilot fish.

Afternoon Boat Loads Up: H. Schulter calls attention to the party boat fishing that is available for the angler who can't get away early in the morning. He reports the Saturday catch of the Bijou, which leaves Sheepshead Bay at two o'clock.

He declares the trip netted him the best porgy fishing he has ever experienced, his catch totalling over 100 of good size. Other messes were: Morris Prince, 90; Mr. and Mrs. Rubenstein, 170; A.S. Kuhn, 85; and J. Bandes, 90. The prize was taken by a large pilot fish.

Au Revoir Loads Up: As the Au Revoir turned into Sheepshead Bay Thursday her siren shrieked loudly, proclaiming to all and sundry that a record catch of sea bass and porgies had been made off Beach Haven, N.J.

Several celebrities were aboard participating in the catch. Robert Dillon evidently used his persuasive powers on the fish, for 138 of them leaped into his bag. Joe Lynch, ex-bantamweight champion, proved as good an angler as he had been a fighter, for his day's catch was 120 fish.

About a dozen passengers had 100 or more fish. The remainder had anywhere from forty fish up.

(Incidentally, I wrote an Old Time article about this record catch, for I witnessed the return of the Au Revoir that day in 1928 or 1929. I also received a letter from one of the passengers who had been aboard that day.)

Big Fluke A-Plenty: Monday both the Effort II and the Elmar of Sheepshead Bay hit into a run of big "doormat" fluke. Aboard the former

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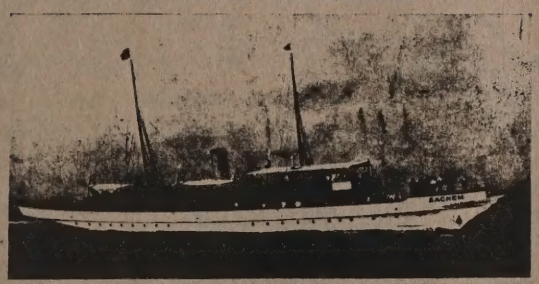
"SACHEM"



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The contents of this 1930s brochure makes for some interesting reading.

were Rev. J. Trumbull and his daughter who filled their bags with 55 large fluke, while Arthur Wisenfels was individual high-hooker with a mess of 32. Sunday's prize fish was an 11½ lb. fluke caught by C. C. Cregren.

Aboard the latter craft 20 men accounted for 620 fluke, the largest weighing 12 lbs., caught by C. Brunas. John Schumacher was the runner-up with a 9 lber. Captain Joe Ecock reported the big catches of the day as John Schumacher, 45; Joseph Ullman, 32; John Lindmark, 41; and J.J. Barclay, 45.

Big Blacks Off Seabright: The Elmar III in command of Captain Gus Rau, and the Effort III under Captain Fred Wregge's expert guidance, have been concentrating on the grounds off Seabright, N.J. Both boats have been hitting into the big blackfish successfully, and also taking numbers of sea bass and porgies.

Klondike Banks Yields Bass: The Klondike Banks, among the most productive spots close by, right now are yielding as many sea bass, porgies, and fluke as they have ever done so far this season.

The Giralda of Sheepshead Bay, piloted by Captain Dave Martin, visited these grounds on Monday, her passengers loading up on all three species. Stephen Stravrakos tied for high honors with 42 fish, and annexed the first prize with a 5 lb. bass. A. Boardley was the other with 42, while Louis Hall and T.T. Argue had 38 each; R. Rheinhold, 37; J. Peterson, 30; and J.D. Moeller, 28.

Lands Big Sea Bass: Sea bass over 5 lbs. are quite rare, so it was with a beaming face that Whitey, a regular on the Sea Pigeon of Sheepshead Bay, stepped off the boat the dock a few days ago. For one of his many fish was one of this species weighing more than 5 lbs.

John Riley took the honors for the day with a blackfish weighing 7½ bs. The catch was made off Seabright.

The following day at a wreck off the Jersey Coast, 15 passengers on the same craft loaded up with porgies and bass, John Shepp taking the prize.

Thursday, one angler on the Sea Pigeon had 72 porgies and 8 bass. Other passengers were also successful, the bass averaging 2 lbs. in weight and the porgies 1½.

Blacks and Bass Off Seabright: The R.C. Lundy came into Sheepshead Bay Wednesday afternoon with 755 blackfish and sea bass caught off Seabright, N.J. A 7½ lb. black was the largest fish of the day.

T. McNally, who caught the heaviest fish, was also one of the leaders in the quantity taken. Others were H.A. Raab, Anthony Bozza, Alfred Snitzen, and P. Goldte.

Glory Fishes Atlantic City: An average catch of 100 sea bass and porgies per man was the record hung up by the Glory when she returned to her Sheepshead Bay berth a few days ago after making a trip to Atlantic City. Thirty passengers made the jaunt.

Peter Hanahan had 140 fish; Phil Kaplan, 96; J. Johnson and companion, 188. The catch was made at the Beach Haven wreck.

A Fish for Each Year: An 82-year-old angler brought in a fish for every one of his years on Saturday aboard the Giralda of Sheepshead Bay. And surprisingly, she was one of the weaker sex, answering to the name of Mrs. Single.

Other catches aboard the Giralda were Messrs. Pilcher and Graham, 78; J. Haussman and son, 62; Paul Amanna, 51; C. Cameron, 49; T. Corbett, 58, while A. Nilson took first prize with a 4 lb. bass and C. Rossback had a 3½ lb. prize winner. The catch consisted of bass and porgies.

Phew!

Now this was the sort of fishing your friendly old-timer and I enjoyed as young men fishing aboard Sheepshead Bay party boats. And it was just as good in other ports, too. I know there are many readers who will vouch that this was exactly the way it was. No one ever found it necessary to gild the lily those days. Why should I do so now?

So—you Doubting Thomases—I hope you have been convinced I wasn't putting you on one bit. Oh, ye of little faith, how could you?

And thanks again to Tony Zaragoza. You are a true sportsman.

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(1) IN WHAT WAY DO SHARKS' SKELETONS DIFFER FROM THE SKELETONS OF MOST OTHER FISH ?

SHARKS HAVE BEEN AROUND BEFORE FISH WERE INVENTED!

ANSWERS AT THE BOTTOM OF THE PAGE.

BY FRED GUARDINEER

(2) A PIER HOOK IS A LARGE LEAD-WEIGHTED TREBLE HOOK USED FOR SNAGGING AND LIFTING GAMEFISH TO PIER LEVEL.

TRUE ☐ FALSE ☐

(3) A STRIPED BASS IS A PRIME EXAMPLE OF A FISH WITH A BARRED BODY.

TRUE ☐
FALSE ☐

(4) WHEN JIGGING A LURE ... *THE STRIKE* USUALLY COMES AS THE LURE IS RAISED.

TRUE ☐
FALSE ☐

(5) N.Y. STATE SPORT FISHERMEN CATCH MANY MILLIONS MORE BLUEFISH THAN COMMERCIAL FISHERMEN.

TRUE ☐
FALSE ☐

(6) ARE THERE ANY PROBLEMS WITH KEEPING LIVE KILLIES IN MY SALTWATER AQUARIUM, A *"FISHERMAN"* READER ASKS ?

1-THEIR SKELETONS ARE CARTILAGINOUS, NOT BONY LIKE MOST FISH. 2-TRUE. 3-FALSE. BARS RUN VERTICALLY, STRIPES ARE HORIZONTAL. 4-FALSE. 5-TRUE. ACCORDING TO 1979 COUNT : RECREATIONAL HARVEST 12 MILLION LBS., COMMERCIAL HARVEST 1½ MILLION LBS. 6-KILLIES ARE VERY HARDY AND EASY TO KEEP, BUT BE AWARE THEY ARE MOST AGGRESSIVE AND WILL ATTACK ALL CRUSTACEANS ANYWHERE NEAR THEIR SIZE.

PLAYING TAG WITH SHARKS

by Al Ristori

The senseless slaughter of sharks is fast becoming a thing of the past thanks primarily to the efforts of Jack Casey.

Among the many forms of fishing available to area anglers, none presents them with the opportunity to catch great numbers of fish which aren't desired for food, such as is the case with sharking. In this day and age, just about everyone is aware that makos and threshers are excellent eating fish, but most of the other sharks caught locally don't appeal to the average palate. That leaves the fisherman with the choice of killing great numbers of sharks for no reason or releasing them to fight another day. Fortunately, most anglers are opting for the latter, and tagging of those fish is becoming ever more common.

I'm hardly a grey-beard when it comes to shark fishing, but having taken up the sport two decades ago, I can well remember the "bad old days." Even back in the 60s, sharks were regarded as dangerous man-eaters to be killed whenever the opportunity presented itself. The people I started shark fishing with killed every shark caught, and even free-gaffed stupid blues which wandered too close to the boat. Most of these fish were dragged back to port, and then had to be dragged right back outside for dumping. All of that seemed very wasteful at the time, and it took some considerable missionary work on the part of Jack Casey to turn the attitude of most shark fishermen around.

Casey has been studying sharks since he was a "green" marine biologist fresh out of the University of Massachusetts and newly assigned to the Sandy Hook Marine Lab in 1960. The lab got involved in shark research as a result of two shark attacks on swimmers off the Jersey coast that summer. Casey's initial longlining efforts in 1961 convinced him that many species of large sharks were available off this portion of the coast, but that practically nothing was known about them. Fortunately, he was able to get a program under way which included tagging. However, these early tags involved taking the shark out of the water—making it dangerous for both tagger and shark. Casey soon developed a dart-type tag affixed to a long pole which is still in use today, and has made it possible for anyone to become a shark tagger. Another very important project of Casey's involved the Angler's Guide

The use of dart type tags eliminates any dangerous handling of the shark during the tagging operation.

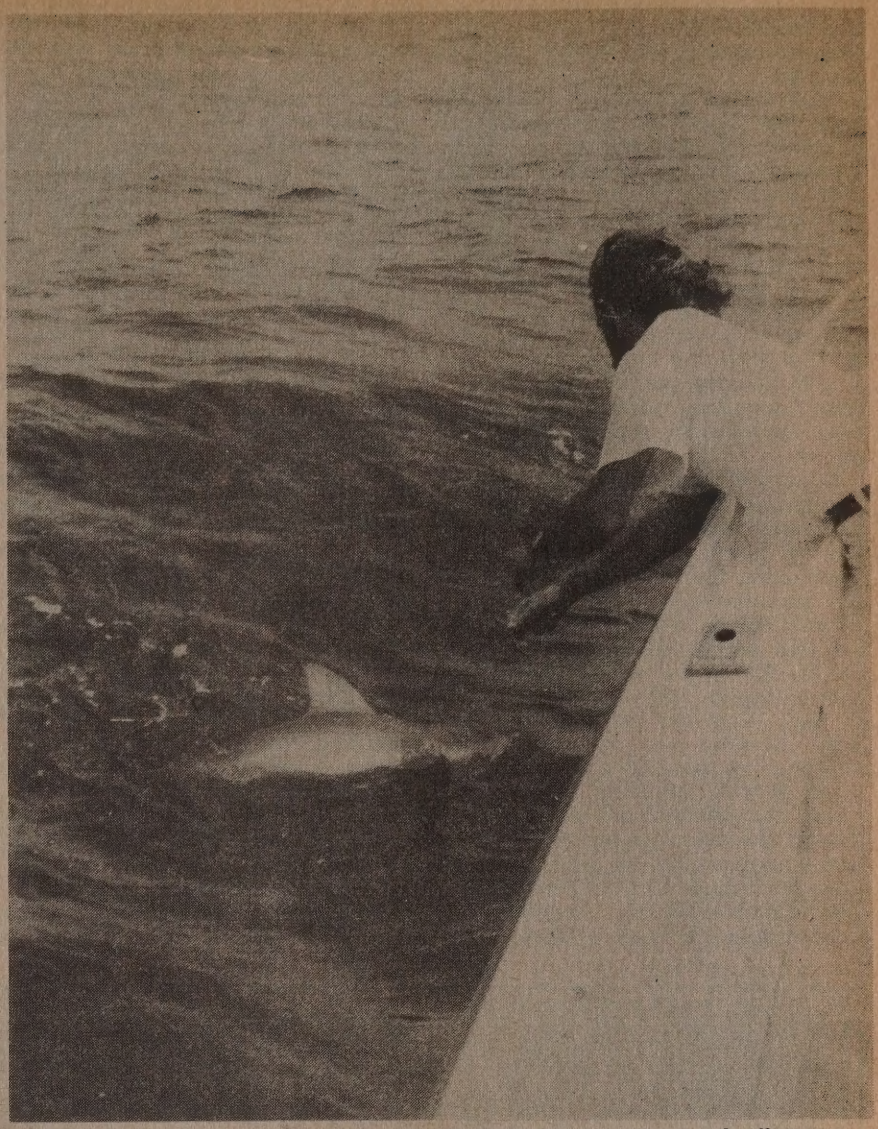
to Sharks of the Northeastern United States. This black-and-white guide (Bureau of Sport Fisheries & Wildlife Circular No. 179) was published in 1964 and still remains the Bible of shark identification.

The Bureau of Sport Fisheries and Wildlife established a lab at Narragansett, Rhode Island in 1966 and Casey moved his shark program up there. A few years later all of the ocean fisheries were merged into the new National Oceanic and Atmospheric Agency (NOAA) and the Narragansett Lab became part of the National Marine Fisheries Service (NMFS) under NOAA. The shark program went on and even prospered despite continual budget cuts that started long before this Administration. Whereas a lot of the early tagging was done on government vessels, the program has evolved into one in which volunteers do much of the work.

It's to Casey's credit that he met the challenge of financing head on and devised a system that produces great reams of scientific information at very little cost to taxpayers. Casey and his assistants attend many shark tournaments, where they dissect the sharks brought in and encourage the tagging of all others. They do this on a meager budget, and often with the financial assistance of tournament sponsors. As one former NMFS official told me, "This is an example of one of the few things the Federal government does well. Not only do Casey and his assistants get by on a pittance, but they manage to get the help they need from graduate students who are willing to sleep out on surfboards!"

One of the reasons Jack Casey is so successful in working with sport fishermen is that he is one of us! Jack loves the sport and has made some outstanding catches. Most notable was a 13½' great white which weighed over 1,000 lbs. and was caught while fishing with John Walton on the "Chief Joseph Brant" off Montauk two decades ago. Unfortunately, Jack put his father in the chair before he realized how big the fish was and took over himself. Naturally, this prevented the fish from being claimed for any sort of record, but it still remains the only 1,000 lb. white actually taken on rod and reel off our coast.

The net result of Jack Casey's work has been a tremendous increase in knowledge about many species of sharks and of their place in the ecosystem. By convincing anglers to tag and release the sharks they don't desire for food or trophy, he's developed an incredible amount of information about oceanic species which would otherwise be very difficult to trace. Whereas 20 years ago your prowess as a shark fisherman was measure by how many dead bodies you were able to drag into port, today such conduct only labels the boat owner as a novice. The pros bring back only edible sharks and very large specimens. Some captains refuse to keep even one blue shark unless the party intends to utilize it for food or mounting. Sharks, in general, are not as abundant as they were in the 60s—and the entire ethic of the sport has changed. No longer do we look on them as mere killers, but rather as an important and very vulnerable part of the oceanic ecosystem. For this change in attitude, Jack Casey and his associates must receive much of the credit.



Releasing sharks is a simple matter of clipping your wire a safe distance from the fish's mouth. Hooks dissolve in short order thanks to the shark's potent digestive juices.

No other shark is the subject of more tagging than the blue. A true oceanic species, the blue comes inshore off the Jersey and Long Island coasts in late spring and is available well into the fall—making it readily available for tagging by sportsmen. Blue sharks, like other sharks, are edible. However, most people who have tasted the white flesh don't care for it. Furthermore, blue shark teeth (though sharp) are very small and make an unimpressive mount. Therefore, the logical thing to do with blues is enjoy catching them before placing a tag and sending them on their way. Blue sharks are very hardy fish and the survival rate is probably close to 100%. They're also very stupid, and frequently will be caught again almost immediately. Indeed, I once caught the same tagged blue three times in the course of two hours—and he fought harder each time!

In 1981 there were 2807 blue sharks tagged, all but 56 by cooperative taggers. A total of 99 tag returns came in last year, of which 41 were at liberty for periods greater than three months and 36 were captured at distances over 100 miles from where they were tagged. Seven blue sharks exhibited transatlantic movements. Of these, six went from the U.S. to European and African coasts, while one traveled from Portugal to Newfoundland. All were at liberty from 12 to 45 months and travelled straight line distances of from 2,600 to 2,900 miles. Of course, the actual distances travelled were much longer, particularly since the scientists believe they travel with the Gulf Stream. However, there is still no indication that blue sharks cross

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the Equator. The North and South Atlantic populations appear to be separate.

Blue sharks also move the other way. Two tagged off our coast were recovered last year 1650 miles away in the West Indies, while a third made it 2150 miles to Trinidad. These fish were at liberty from only 5-12 months. Two other blue sharks tagged locally were captured off Bermuda after 15 and 19 months. However, the vast majority of blues tagged are recaptured in the same area or very close to it. Therefore, the tagging serves not only to provide scientific information about migratory patterns, but also helps maintain the population we fish on.

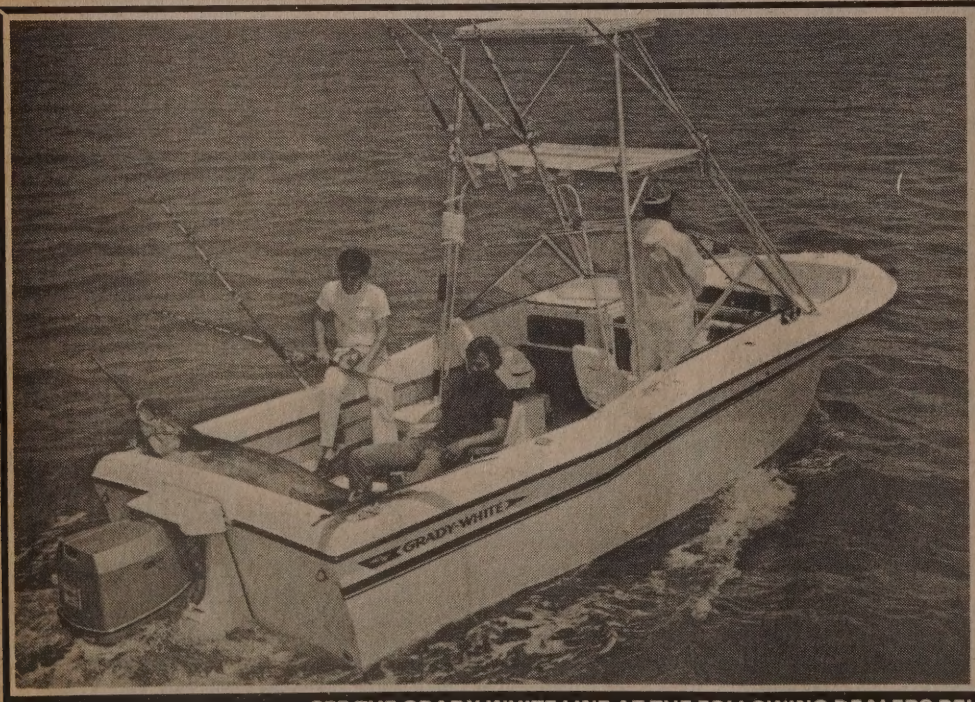
Of all the large sharks in our area, the sandbar or brown is the one which we know the most about. These sharks generally remain on the Continental Shelf, and give birth in the bays and estuaries of the Mid-Atlantic states. With some 652 tagged last year (all by cooperative taggers), the sandbar is the second most commonly tagged shark. However, only 14 were recovered last year—though eight travelled over 500 miles, and only one less than 100 miles. Three of these sharks travelled over 2,000 miles from New York to Mexico, though the actual distance involved was probably twice as great. One of these was tagged by Montauk Captain Walter Kaprielian and recovered 50 months later off Tuxpan, Mexico.

Dusky sharks are another commonly tagged shark off our coast, with 380 being accounted for last year. There were only eight returns, including one that travelled from Massachusetts to Mexico. Until a few years ago some scientists felt that there wasn't any relationship between the sharks of the Gulf of Mexico and those of the Atlantic. Now tagging studies are proving that many species regularly migrate between the ocean and the Gulf. One of the three tiger shark returns last year showed movement from Bermuda to the Dry Tortugas.

The mako is our most desired shark, and relatively few are tagged. However, there were 182 released with tags last year and 10 mako tags were recovered. One tagged off North Carolina was caught off Granada, West Indies (1,592 miles) after 3.8 years. Tagging has helped establish a growth rate for makos, and studies by Casey and Wes Pratt have helped establish the fact that makos take a very long time to mature. While males mature at three years and may weigh less than 200 lbs., females must be huge. The estimate is that they have to be 8 years and 550 lbs. merely to be mature. Strangely, only a couple of pregnant females have ever been captured—and the scientists will literally go anywhere to examine such a fish.

Fortunately, tagging is the "in" thing to do these days. We now realize that sharks are particularly vulnerable to overfishing due to their slow growth and low reproductive rate. Just look down the list of captains who have had tags returned in the last year and you'll see some of the top names in the business: skippers such as Frank Mundus, Fred Gallagher (RI), Bob Flanagan (CT), Zac Grossman, Ray Hendrickson, Dr. James Schaefer, Lou Rosado, Bill Hojohn, Gary Kieffer, Mike Albronda, Steve Pepe, and Tom Cashman, Captain Stephen Connett, aboard the R/V Geronimo (St. Georges School, Newport, RI) accounted for an amazing 25 of the total 153 tags from all species that were returned last year.

If you want to join the "in" crowd, obtain NMFS tags from the Cooperative Shark Tagging Program, NMFS, Northeast Fisheries Center, Narragansett, RI 02882. Alternately, track down Jack Casey, Chuck Stillwell or Wes Pratt at one of the many area tournaments they'll be covering all summer. Tagging is easy and makes all of your shark fishing (even the releasing) just that much more fun. Long after you've forgotten about the fish, your shark may turn up to provide an important piece in the migratory puzzle which scientists are trying to put together. Don't request these free tags unless you're going to use them. However, if you do use them, you'll not only help out in a good cause, but also get more enjoyment out of this great sport!



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SUMMER SMORGASBORD: —SOUTH SHORE STYLE—

by Ron Onorato

Inshore wrecks, reefs and rockpiles provide south shore boatmen with a potpourri of scrappy bottom species.

One of the more pleasant prospects that summer fishermen along the Island's South Shore have to look forward to as the calendar moves along, is the summertime smorgasbord on the inshore wrecks and reefs. After the initial interest in chasing the first schools of bluefish starts to fade, many fishermen eagerly turn in their diamond jigs and umbrella rigs for the more sedentary skimmer clam and squid strip, and head for the nearest wreck, artificial reef, or rock pile. It is on this foul, debris-strewn bottom that hordes of sea bass, porgies, blackfish, ling and fluke swarm through the summer and early fall months.

One of the more exciting aspects of this type of fishing is that you really never know what you are going to come up with. You may hit a piece that is loaded with nothing but the ever-present bergalls, or you may hit the mother lode with giant sea bass and humpbacked porgies. Big blackfish are almost always a bet, and a stray cod or two may find its way onto your hook. Ling are sometimes around, and as the cool weather of autumn approaches, you can always get a shot at some of the biggest fluke you will ever encounter. Sounds interesting enough, doesn't it?

The South Shore of Long Island is really nothing more than a huge expanse of smooth, sandy bottom of varying water depths. The only breaks on this bottom are the wrecks, artificial reefs, and rock piles that are found at various locations. It is on these pieces of bottom that many of the Island's ground fish set up housekeeping for the greater part of the season. A large amount of forage such as crabs, clams, lobsters, mussels, etc., are found on wrecks and reefs and the whole food chain begins on each wreck from the smaller species right up to the bigger game fish.

The only negative thing about the inshore wreck fishing, is that there is really only a handful of pieces to fish, and they are very well known and are fished very heavily. When you have 30 boats trying to fish 15 wrecks you can see what is going to happen. The fatest boats will be the first to grab a wreck while the slower, later departing boats are left out. Either way, you get tremendous pressure on almost a daily basis on some pieces. But aside from this, inshore wreck fishing is really very exciting.

With the current status of the inshore fishing rated as questionable at best, fishing the deep water and inshore wrecks has rapidly become one of the brighter aspects of Long Island fishing. This is due in no small part to the proliferation of Loran C as a staple item onboard many boats. Fishing these wrecks was at one time a luxury afforded to only the most astute skippers with the knowledge and the money to afford the electronics needed to find the wrecks. Now, however, any skipper with a reasonably sized boat, and a couple of thousand dollars can afford to buy Loran C and join the swelling legions of wreck fishermen.

Getting Loran numbers for many of the older South Shore and East End wrecks is really no problem as any good Loran chart will indicate the position of most of them. Some enterprising lads have even gone so far as to publish a book of wreck numbers. One of the more valuable sources of wreck positions comes from the many dragger skippers who ply their trade daily in the waters off our beaches. They will carefully mark the location of any wreck or obstruction that they come across lest they foul an expensive net in the bottom.

Excitement runs high when you make your first stop on any wreck. After the Loran numbers get you to the approximate, if not often exact spot, the ritual of locating the wreck begins. Since many of the inshore pieces are nothing more than sanded-over pieces, a very accurate chart recorder is necessary. Once you find what you are looking for, you put a jug over and see where it sets. Once the jug is set, you make a few more passes with the chart recorder to see if it is on top of the piece. Now the hard part comes: trying to anchor the boat over a relatively small piece of bottom. When the wind and tide are

Small sea bass are found swarming over inshore wrecks at times. Here, George Oliver lands a double-header.

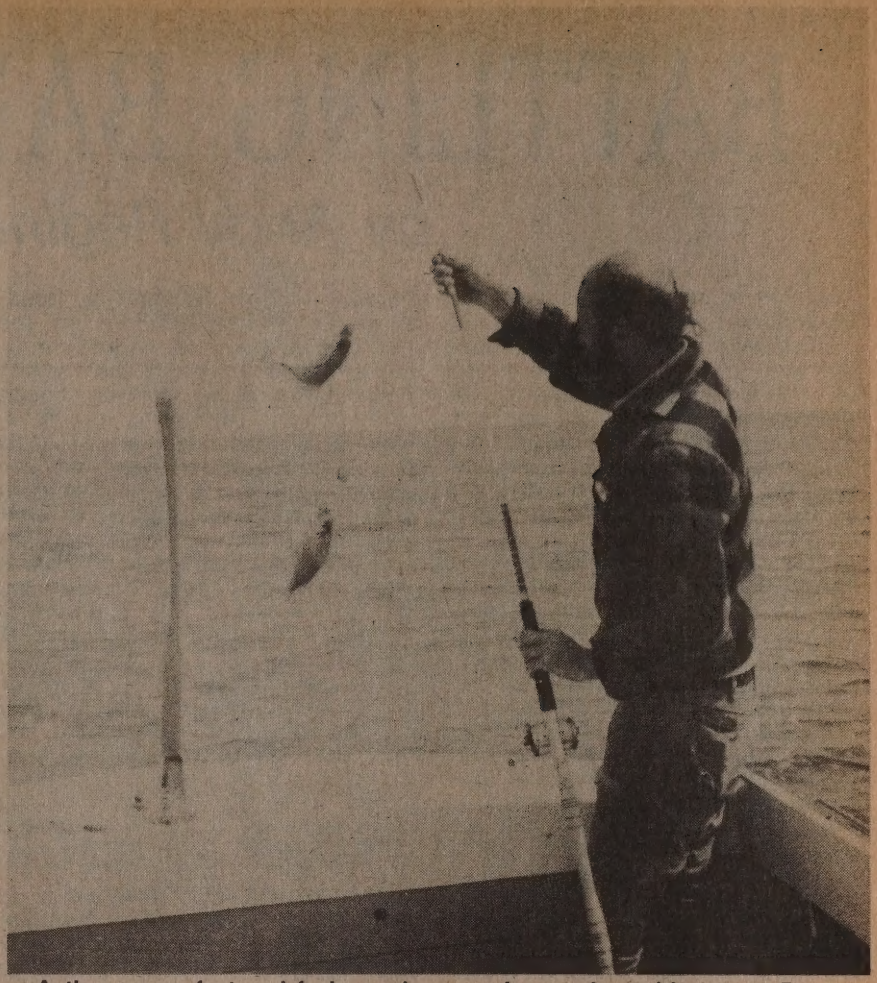
from the same direction, then there is no problem. There is a big problem when the wind and tide are opposing each other. You can spend quite some time trying to get the boat to sit properly.

Generally, you should have a pretty good idea of what you are going to do on a wreck after the first few times you get a bait down to the bottom. If you are plagued by a lot of bergall hits, chances are that the wreck was fished already and that most of the sea bass or porgies have been caught already. When you get on a lively wreck, you should pull up sea bass and porgies pretty quickly and bergall hits will be at a minimum.

The best all around bait for wreck fishing is probably the skimmer clam with fresh squid coming in a close second. Squid that is frozen and thawed out just is not as tough as the fresh stuff and the fish seem to know the difference. Sometimes a fresh piece of bergall fillet will also make a very good bait.

It usually pays to use a two hook rig in most cases. If sea bass are the more numerous of the species, then a 2/0 O'Shaughnessy hook is a good bet. If there are a lot of porgies, then you're going to have to scale down to a smaller #1 or #2 Eagle Claw beak hook. You can rig up a pair of hooks by using "quick rigs" or three-way swivels. You rig the first hook a couple of inches above the sinker, and then attach the second hook about 14" above the first one. The porgies will tend to jump on the lower hooks, while the sea bass will usually go for the higher hook. Many times you will get a porgy on the bottom hook and a sea bass on the upper hook. Blackfish will also go for the lower hook as will ling. When the beginning of September rolls around, it often pays to drift around the edges of the wrecks with whole smelt or squid on a fluke rig. Some of the biggest fluke you'll see are to be found on many of these inshore wrecks. If you're trophy hunting, then now is the time to get going.

Aside from the wrecks that have occurred unintentionally, there are several man-made reefs that are very productive. The biggest reef lies off Rockaway Beach's Riis Park. This 10-year-old reef is currently undergoing expansion with the addition of rubble from the old West Side Highway and will really be a tremendous fish holding structure when finished. The buoy 4 reef off Debs Inlet and the unmarked Jones Reef are smaller, but also good producers. The ocean reefs off Fire Island and Moriches Inlet also rank right up there with the top fish producers. Despite these few artificial structures, the State of New York has a long way to go in catering to the needs of marine anglers. Politicians are becoming increasingly aware of the recreational industry which hopefully, will lead to the creation of more man-made structures which will inevitably add to the "summer smorgasbord."



Action comes fast and furious when porgies are in residence, as Dave Rosenfeld discovers.

Ray McBennet with a husky sea bass taken on an inshore wreck.

BATTLING BANTAMS

by Andy Regina

The light spinning rod bent into an incredulous arc as I set the hook into the fish, and the line tightened into a taut violin string as that fish sought its freedom, fighting against the weight of the sinker and the begrudgingly forgiving drag. The flexing tip of the rod absorbed the initial shock of that first boring rush to freedom and sprang back, only to bow once more to the determined onslaught as the fish struggled frantically in down-rushing spurts. Gaining line by cranking the tiny reel handle in-between pumps of the rod, the fish fought every inch of the way up, causing me to wonder what I would have done if that tiny fish had been a little larger.

I was out on the western Sound that beautiful summer morning, anchored off the stanchion in front of the lighthouse at Sand's Point, in search of that silvery scrapper we call the porgy. Probably our most prolific saltwater panfish, our porgy (**Stenotomus chrysops**) is a wide ranging bottom feeder found along the eastern Atlantic coast from as far north as Nova Scotia to as far south as Florida. Known in New England as scup, these fish winter offshore on the Continental Shelf, moving into our inshore waters to spawn each spring when shallow waters warm up enough to their liking. Swarming into bays, estuaries, and sounds in huge schools in the early part of May, we can usually catch our first porgies each year in such well-known areas. Peconic Bay is one such early hotspot, and the Tin Can Grounds off Rockaway is another, both areas made famous because of the big porgies caught there consistently in the spring.

These big fish, commonly known as silver platters, are the breeders, and can run up to 3 or 4 lbs. apiece, but they don't hang around too long. Doing their thing in but two or three weeks, these big fish leave all too soon, headed out to the deeper waters of Block Island Sound or the very Atlantic itself. If you can't be in the right place at the right time, you could miss out on some really dynamite fishing, although you could get lucky later on, either at Montauk or in Long Island Sound, where some 2 and 3 lb. fish are usually caught later in the summer, at times. As a rule, though, these big fish are replaced by hordes of smaller porgies that take up residence for the rest of the summer, fish affectionately known as silver dollars, or more colloquially, as sand porgies.

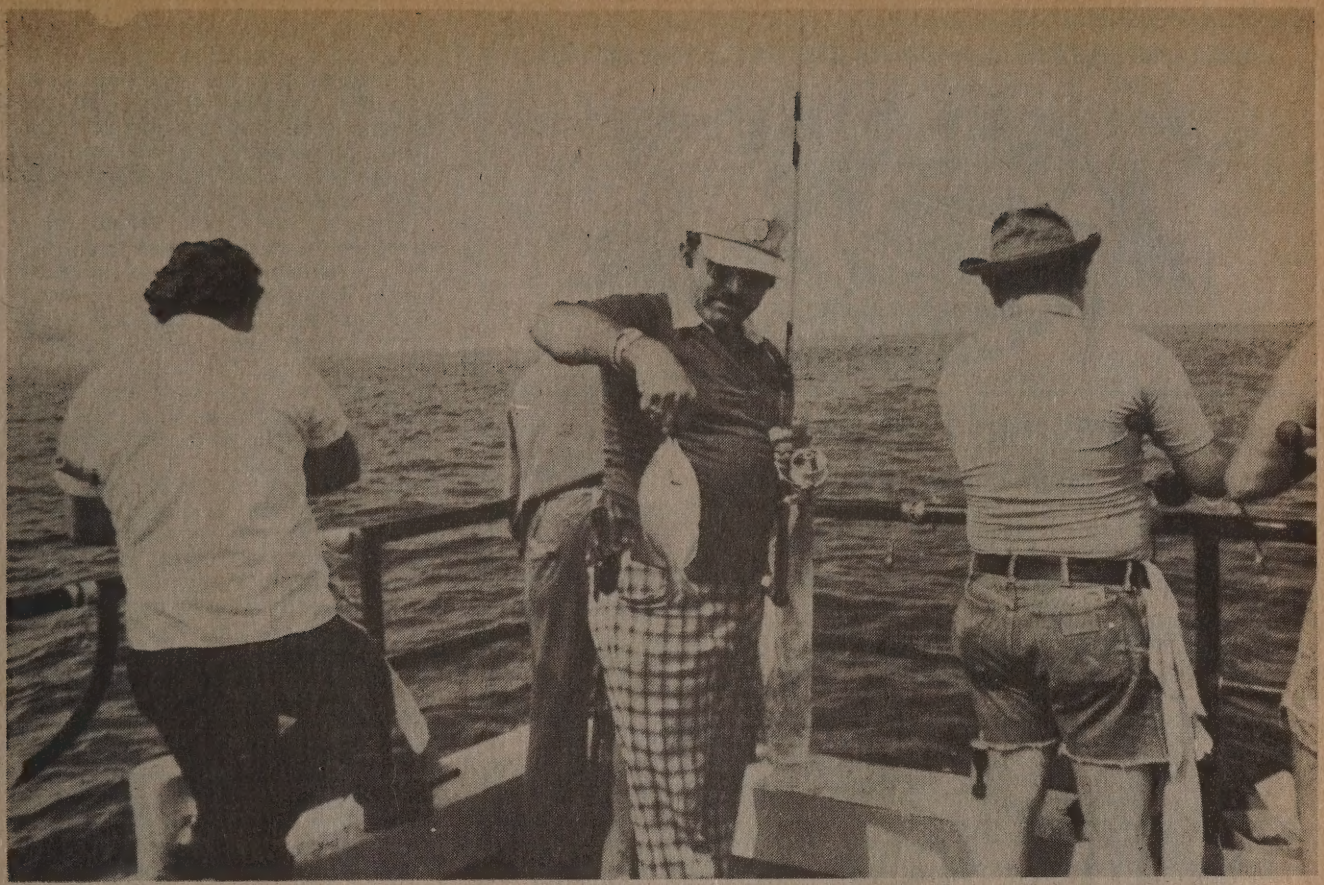
Kids love to catch porgies; they put up a good scrap and are fairly easy to catch, unlike other fish that could prove boring to youngsters.

Almost everyone likes to fish for porgies, and why not? They are fairly abundant, are eager eaters that strike hard and often, provide a spirited battle when caught, and are delicious eating to boot. Filling a void created when other bottom feeders find the waters of Long Island Sound too warm for their tastes, and when game fish such as striped bass, bluefish, and weakfish are playing harder to get than usual, porgies save the day for lots of anglers many times. In fact, they are so attractive to many of us, that we seek them out specifically, in preference to other species of fish that may also be available at the same time. Once considered disdainfully by many ignorant anglers, this panfish is now high on many discriminating anglers' lists, for the very reasons described above: its ready availability, its fighting qualities, and its culinary excellence.

These slab-sided, coarse-scaled, silvery fish love to eat, and their natural diet includes small mollusks and crustaceans, sea worms of all types, tiny baitfish and even a bit of aquatic plants at times. Their favorite bottom structure consists of hard-packed sand, gravel, mussel beds, rock, and even wrecks at times. In fact, some of the largest porgies are consistently caught off underwater wrecks, where they love to feed off the barnacles and mussels that cling to such structure, or the tiny baitfish that seek food and refuge among the same waterlogged timbers.

Fishing for porgies always presents a challenge, even though they are a highly gregarious species and can travel in huge schools at times. Seek them out by locating their favorite structure, that hard-packed sand or gravel bottom, mussel beds, or patches of rock. If you catch one porgy in an area, you can be fairly certain of catching others, because of their penchant for traveling in schools but this fish can be such a finicky feeder at times that catching that first fish can be a problem.

First of all, the porgy is inherently a shy fish by nature, a characteristic evolved in years of predation by man and fish alike. This innate shyness prompts knowledgeable anglers to approach likely areas cautiously and



Kids aren't the only ones who enjoy catching porgies. Here an adult admires a battling bantam that he just caught on spinning tackle.

quietly; cut your engine and glide into your approach noiselessly, set the anchor as quietly as possible, with the least possible disturbance, and keep boat noise to a minimum. Sound is carried in water, and can even be magnified at times, so any tools or sinkers clattering on the deck could send these shy fish scurrying to quieter locales. By the same token, boat noise can scatter porgies too, and any boat barreling through others already engaged in catching fish could put a screeching halt to the action, if not permanently, then for a long enough period to prove frustrating to unfortunate anglers.

Taking porgy shyness one step further, these fish are often wary of even the most enticing baits if those baits are presented too close to the boat or on highly visible fishing line. Casting away from the proximity of the boat will overcome some of the shyness, so try fishing about 15' or 20' away, and if you don't use monofilament line (though for the life of me I cannot see why not), try splicing on a 3' or 4' length to the end of your line. Using extra-long leaders will also help to fool line-shy fish, as will small hooks, and if you make your snells about twice the normal length (about 18" should do the trick) and tie 'em to hooks no bigger than #4 Beaks or Sproats, you can fool those fish every time. Our suicide rigs, used for those times when it seems that there ain't no porgies in the Sound, are tiny #8 beaks, and are real fish catchers. Remember that you can catch big fish on small hooks, but you cannot always catch small fish on big hooks, and that we are dealing with basically small fish in the first place.

We attract these shy fish within range of our baits by chumming. Most of the usual chum works well in this case, either ground bunker, ground clams, or mussels, best utilized in a chum pot that is kept directly under the boat. Here the trick is to chum rather sparingly, triggering hungry porgies to seek the easy pickings falsely promised by the scent of the chum, rather than satiating jaded appetites by chumming too heavily, which would permit the fish to feed on the free lunch provided by the tiny particles of chum that sift out through the mesh of the pot. It is important to fish down-current of your chum pot, placing your baits between the fish and the chum, waylaying the fish as they swim up-current seeking the source. Other fish may take a liking to your chum also, and you could catch an occasional fluke or bluefish if you use ground bunker, or stripers if you use ground clams, or flounder if you use crushed mussels, any or all of which can add a little spice to your fishing life as well as some variety to your stringer.

Porgy rigs are generally two-hook affairs, tied in tandem above the lightest sinker you can effectively hold bottom with. It is imperative that those baited hooks lie directly on the bottom, where all the action is, or you just ain't gonna catch very many porgies. There are times when you can catch porgies on a high hook, but most of the time you will catch most of your fish smack on the bottom; so tie those hooks only a couple of inches above that sinker and make sure that the sinker lays dead on the bottom, and you'll catch more fish.

Baits vary from location to location as well as from one time of the season to another, and just to compound matters further, these fish can often show a preference for different baits during the same day, say after a change in tide. Accepted baits have always been clams or seaworms, but strips of squid work well in Peconic in the spring too, and I have often caught big porgies on fiddler crabs meant to entice blackfish, so here you may have a problem. We offset possible problems by carrying a variety of bait, say skimmer clams and sand worms, but bloodworms are great porgy baits too, and if you can seine some grass shrimp you just might have the best porgy bait of all.

With worm baits, it is best to use small pieces, sliding them onto the point and around the bend of the hook, and allowing a tiny bit to trail off in a natural manner. Small pieces of clam or small strips of squid should be threaded onto the hook several times, once again leaving just a tiny bit to trail from the bend of the hook. If you do manage to get some grass shrimp, just hook two or three behind

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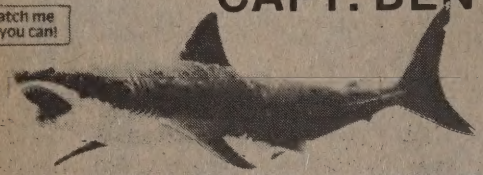

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the collar and let them hang off the bend of the hook. With any bait used, it is important to leave the hook point exposed because these fish are accomplished bait bandits and can strip a hook bare in seconds, and that exposed hook point is an edge in your favor, for quick hooking.

Luckily, we have developed a sensitive touch for porgies that I call "tick" fishing, for lack of a better name. We have found that we feel a slight metallic "tick," sort of like that of metal striking metal, directly before sensing the actual bite of porgies. Having no proof to substantiate our theory, we feel that this might just be the porgy striking some part of the hook as it attempts to mouth the bait, probably with those hard lips of his, and this sense is transmitted to our fingertips through the hook and snell, up the taut monofilament line, and onto our fingertips, which are constantly holding that line where it enters the reel. Striking at that particular instant, rather than waiting for the expected normal tug of the bite, we have become deadly efficient porgy jerkers, often amazing fellow fishermen with our prowess.

Though it is hard to explain, some experimentation on your part should reveal this fact to you, if you do it properly. When you lower your rig to the bottom, get in the habit of reeling in all the slack in your line until you feel that your sinker is standing up straight, but just barely touching the bottom. Now, if you are right-handed like me, tuck that rod, if it is a conventional stick, under your left arm and reach around in front of your reel with your left thumb and forefinger, and grasp the mono coming off the reel between them. Of course, if you are naturally left-handed, simply reverse the process and hold the rod under your right arm, and grab the line with your right thumb and forefinger. You can accomplish the same results with spinning gear if you hold the line coming off the reel bail on the forefinger of whatever hand you hold your rod and reel in. By holding the line manually, you can actually set the hook before the fish bites, a definite asset with fast biting bait stealers like our little friends, the porgies.

Look for porgies in clean, fast-moving water, in conjunction with their preferred structure, and wait our slack tidal periods until the current is running fast enough to carry your chum down-tide a bit. If action is still not forthcoming, try jigging your rod off the bottom in slow, leisurely jerks, which could just prompt otherwise satiated fish into striking what they believe to be escaping food. Caught in this manner, and with a strong moving current that they use to exert greater pressure against the line, by turning their bodies sideways into the flow, you, too, will be amazed and delighted by the fight these little scrappers can put up. Perhaps, like me, you too will come to consider the diminutive porgy as the Sound's Battling Bantam.

East End Report

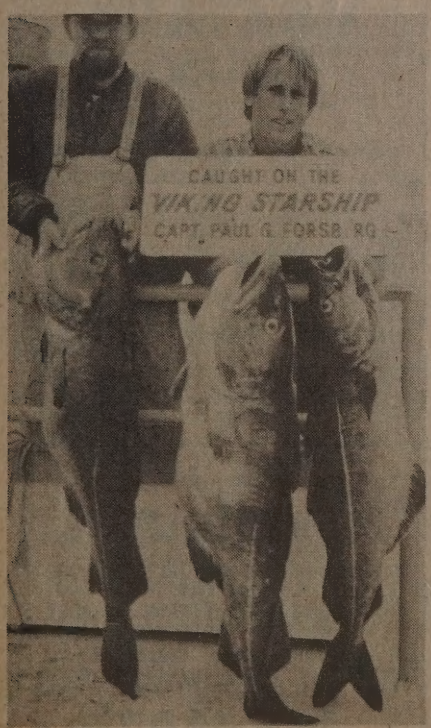
by Stu Miller

MONTAUK

Good to very good porgy fishing seems to dominate the events in the land of the big Lighthouse this week. Fishing on the charter boat **Julie III** Saturday, Sal DeAngelo, 168 porgies went in the box up to 3 lbs. plus 5 blackfish. Sunday's charter for Louis Velasquez saw 418 porgies taken from 1-3½ lbs. at Pocketbook Ledge and Gardiner's.

Aboard the 6-man limit open boat **Waxed**, Captain Bud Dorman informed us that porgies continue very good for his customers. On Monday, three fares averaged 78 porgies each. Marvin Baer of Woodcleft Lake, N.J. scored with 80, 86 and 102 porgies on three separate days this past week. Clam and sand worms did the trick. Other anglers have scored easily between 50 and 80 porgies.

Captain Fritz Hubner's charter boat **Mistress Two** has been experiencing spotty shark fishing, but nonetheless Yonkers anglers Ray Achilli walked away with first place in the Montauk Marine Shark Tournament, blue shark division with a 250 lb. blue shark caught aboard the Mistress Too. blues and weaks holding up locally.



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The news from the charter boat **Ebb Tide** is that charters have had good sharking this past week with more makos moving in and some whhite marlin being spotted, but none baited or landed yet.

Fishing south of Cartwright aboard the charter boat **Nostalgia II** Pete Guida and party including Keith and Bob trolled a mess of gorilla blues up to 16 lbs. on umbrellas last Friday.

Aboard the charter boat **Montauk**, two makos were taken this week despite the heavy fishing pressure of all the tournaments. Captain Mike also had 2 yellowfin tuna way off the beach. Weakfish were taken on inshore charters this week also.

Captain Paul Forsberg of the **Viking Fleet** had good codfishing Monday through Friday at Coxes Ledge, an off-day Saturday with action bouncing back again on Sunday. Porgy catches have been hot and cold with Sunday being a very good day. The night bluefishing has really picked up and continues to build for these slammer blues. The fluking remains only fair.

Captain Mike Potts of the **Blue Fin I** and **IV** called to say that on a busman's holiday Thursday with a couple of buddies, 4 yellowfin tuna from 30-60 lbs. were taken, along with 23 albacore in the 30 lb. range fishing at 45 fathoms with artificials. A charter Friday on the **BF IV** scored with 6 yellowfin tuna up to 60 lbs., 5 albies to 30 lbs. and 4 bluefin tuna in the 25 lb. range. Saturday morning's trip to Gardiner's Island resulted in 30 smallish blues. In the afternoon for Bob Fischman and group, NYC, angling was done locally for 15 weakfish which ran 8-10 lbs. and 8 blues, all on umbrellas and jigs. Sunday's trip for the Ralsten group of New Jersey hit 45 fathoms and took 8 yellowfin tuna and 1 albie. All week long on the BF I, Captain George Potts has been steadily banging the bluefish from Montauk Point to Cartwright and also taking a few scattered weaks.

On a 3-day canyon trip this week, Captain John of the **Bronco Explorer** fishing a New York City group totalled 55 albacore from 15-35 lbs., 2 white marlin in the 68 lb. class one of which was tagged and released and 5 bigeye tuna which ran up to 250 lbs. On a one day canyon trip Saturday for another group from Fun City, 25 albacore and yellowfin tuna went into the box.

Captain Bob of the charter boat

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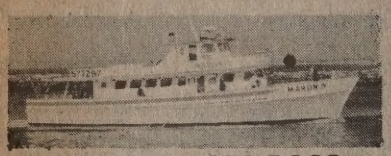

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John Byrne and Tony Faso show bass of 30 and 22 lbs. taken at Montauk aboard Captain Phil Lewis's charter boat "Adios."

Sundance stopped in to tell us that tuna are starting to show along with albies and yellowfin tuna offshore. Bluefish action at Montauk has been tapering off during the days this past week. The boat has been working Gardiner's Island averaging 40-50 bluefish for his half day trips trolling umbrellas with a few schoolie bass mixed in. Thursday for the Smith group of Centereach they had 14 stripers up to 15 lbs. along with 35 bluefish. On Friday, 5 schoolie bass and 45 blues were taken. Saturday's trip for John Stach and group of NYC had 35 blues and a 14 lb. striper. Sunday's trip for Ken Politor and group of NYC had 50 blues in the 3-5 lb. class.

Three makos in 3 days was the score aboard Captain Joe McBride's charter boat **My Mate**. Two of these lucky anglers were Frank Maestropeitro and John Tiernen. They also had some blue shark. This was all in 220' of water, 25 miles southeast of the Point. Joe advised that due to a sudden cancellation, he has this Saturday and Sunday open.

Charter boat **Free Spirit** skipper Charlie Zboray fished Arrow Electronics Friday. George Heines had a 60 lb. mako while John Riedel took a 90 lb. brown shark.

Wednesday aboard the **Nostalgia II** a charter for John Canteromo, son Craig and Tom Hensel fished southeast of Block taking 300 lbs. of bluefish and 50 lbs. of cod. Saturday fishing 40 fathoms for George Dolan and group, 5 brown shark, and a 150 lb. tiger shark were hooked and landed. Night weakfishing has been hot.

A call from Captain John "The Wizard" DeMaio informed us that the weakfishing has been very good all this week with his last 5 charters running up a total of 230 weaks fish averaging 7 lbs. All these groups

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have been casting light tackle with bait tails and John advises the fish are spread out. A couple of bonito in the 6-8 lb. range were also caught over the weekend.

Captain Phil Lewis of the charter boat **Adios** sailed far offshore to 47 fathoms of water for John McGloins group from New Jersey, scoring with 10 YFT and 12 albacore in just 3 hours fishing on Tuesday. A couple of times all 6 lines went off at once indicating lots of life out there. Friday's trip for Joseph Christaveo and party hoisted 8 YFT and 6 false albacore, all fish in the 25-65 lb. range and all taken on high speed lures. An inshore trip for the Powell group Thursday saw good catches of blues made on trolled umbrellas and on diamond jigs at Cartwright.

The report from **Gone Fishing Marina** told of Wednesday's charter aboard Capt. Bill Ricca's **Alyssa Ann** for the coaches of Comack High School fishing Southwest Ledge area for cod took 47 codfish up to 26 lbs. on Tri-Fin Teardrop jigs. Saturday's afternoon charter on the Alyssa Ann had weakfish up to 9 lbs. plus small blues on umbrellas at outer Shagwong Fluke have been spotty but best catches available are at Gin Beach and Culloden. Weaks have been good at sunrise and sunset at out Shagwong on diamond jigs.

SOUTH FORK

captain Artie Latch of the Sag Harbor head boat **Wilhelric II** told us that Monday, Thursday and Friday were super fantastic porgy days with large scores being racked up. On Monday, Peter Kolinowski was high hook with 98 porgies. Thursday saw Mastic angler Jim Johnson, a regular, with high hook of 86 porgies while his 6-year-old son had 30. Friday's trip had a high hook of 115 porgies for Hazel Reed of Brooklyn. Fish ranged

This 371½ lb. mako was whipped on a 4/0 outfit by David Goldman while aboard Capt. Jay Rigano's Montauk charter boat, "Lori-Jay."

Bass of 36 and 34 lbs. displayed by Walt Emerson and Dennis Stock taken in Shinnecock Inlet back in June. Both fish were weighed at Coor's Mariner's Cove in Hampton Bays.

from 3'' to 3½ lbs., all at the northwest corner of Plum Island. On Saturday and Sunday which of course were off due to heavy, heavy boat traffic, most anglers caught in the 30s. The fluking trips Tuesday and Wednesday were the best of the '82 fluke season so far, with most fares ending up with 6-12 keepers. High hook both days ran into the 20s with a lot of 2-6 lb. fish. Roughly a dozen fluke in the 6 lb. class were taken both Tuesday and Wednesday with all action being at Hortons.

Sag Harbor's Bayview Fishing Station reports that weaks have started at the Ruins north of Gardiner's with fish in the 8-10 lb. range hitting diamond jigs. Also fluke are being caught there, two-thirds of which are keepers. Decent porgy fishing at Cedar Point on mixed fish, outgoing water best. Lots of tinker mackerel in the water and some small blues around.

Over in **Noyac**, Helen at **Noyac Marina** told of Vincent D'Auge of Brooklyn and his solid catch of porgies galore, along with 2, 8 lb. weakfish on the south side of buoy 16. The porgies are medium to large. On Sunday, 2 more weaks were caught and additional loads of porgies taken. Buoy 16 and 17 are the hottest now, with squid strips working on weaks and worm and clam for the porgies.

To the west in **Southampton**, Thom at **Speck's Bait and Tackle** tells us that Gardiner's is producing decent porgy fishing at Eastern Plains with fish up to 3 lbs., 30-40 fish per boat. Buoy 7 has been productive also. Porgies in the Peconics are smaller, running 1/2 to 3/4 lbs. Small blues in Peconic just below the surface and also in Heady Creek in the Shinnecock area. Fluking should be good this week with good tides.

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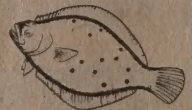

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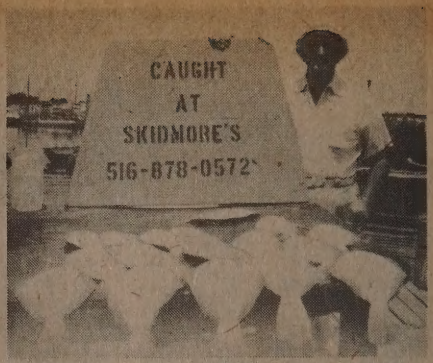

Eli Pepper and his catch of 17 fluke taken on sand eels at buoy 41 in Moriches Bay. Eli fished out of Skidmore's Fishing Station in East Moriches.

The Capt. Clark II sailing out of Shinnecock Canal advises porgies have been excellent this week in Peconic Bay during the early part of the week. Porgies from 3/4 to 2 lbs. have been caught along with weaks and kings on every drop. Things slowed Thursday and Friday due to strong moon tides. Saturday improved with porgies, kings, some blacks and small blues caught through the day. The skipper feels the summer weaks should improve through Aug.

South Shore Report

by Fred Golofaro

EAST END BAYS & INLETS

Offshore action out of Shinnecock was good for boats making a run to the canyon where big eye tuna, yellowfin tuna and white marlin were found in good numbers. Lots of small makos in 220' of water during the week according to Lanny Molnar of **Molnar's Landing** in **Hampton Bays.** Inshore, a resurgence in striped bass activity in the inlet where live liners took a number of cows from 20-43 pounds this past week. Best of the bluefishing is SW of the Inlet in 110' of water. The fish running 8-12 pounds. Lanny described the bay fluking as not up to par but did say that flounder fishing remains decent on red dyed clam in the Basket area and near the Coast Guard station.

Capt. Fred Wedley of the **Moriches** charter boat **Sea Mist** put Tom Brown onto a small mako on Wednesday fishing in 185' of water south of Moriches. The fish was in the 70 pound class. On Sunday, a couple of brown sharks along with a box full of 10-12 pound blues rounded out the bay for his charter in 130' of water. Flounder remain in good supply in **Moriches Bay** according to Jack Jones

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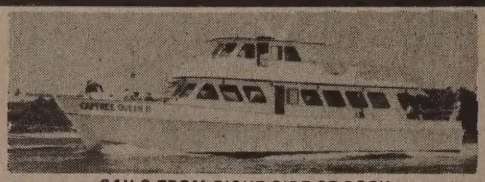

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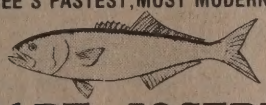

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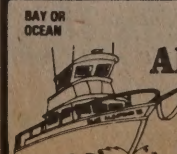

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of **Cerullo Bros. Fishing Station.** He suggested buoys 29 or 32 for fish ranging between ¾ and 1¼ pounds. Small blues in the 1-2 pound class are occupying casters willing to chase the birds. Small hopkins lures work best on these fish. For fluke, Jack suggested working the last 2 hours of incoming and the first 2 hours of outgoing on the flats between buoys 27 & 29. Fish run to 4 pounds and Jack noted that tides would be especially good this week.

Gary Grunseich from **Silly Lilly Fishing Station** in **East Moriches** spoke of much improved fluking with boats returning with between 15-30 keepers including a decent number of 3-4 pound fish mixing in. Gary spoke of buoys 38 & 41 as the best bet with sand eel and squid combos. He too recommended both sides of high water for best results. One of the better catches made over the weekend was 28 fluke to 4 pounds taken by Charles and Ann Kuenis. Flounder fishing continues to hold up in the buoy 36 area. On Saturday, Jack and Cathy Friend and Ray and Evelyn Mitchell totalled 170 flounder up to 2½ pounds on bloodworms. Baby blues still roaming the bay under the birds. Buoys 36 & 39 still producing good flounder action on bloodworms and red dyed clams said Jim DeVita of **Skidmores Fishing Station** in **East Moriches.** Cocktail blues are all over the bay and fluke fishing has shown definite improvement. Any moving water has been producing fish or trolling around slack water periods has also been productive. Jim suggested the mouth of Hart's Cove where fish to 4½ pounds are being taken on sand eels or Salty Dogs with a strip of squid. He noted too that the spot is only a 10 minute ride form the station. Blue claw crabs made their first showing this past week.

A heavy dose of blue claw crabs had Gary Stiriz of **Stiriz's Fishing Staion** in **Mastic Beach** enthused. Gary reported that crabs have been in heavy since last week between buoys 6 and 12 where they are being taken on both traps and rings. On Saturday, Sam DeCrenzo and friends filled 1¾ bushels with blue claws. Lots of little blues around as evidenced by Saturday's catch made by the Alvarez family. Fishing buoy 17, they had 43 taylor blues in the 1-2 pound class using spearing and squid strips. Fluking has been picky with some boats managing 10-15 of the flatties between buoys 19 and 25.

Jeff and Max White with 116 flounder up to 2 lbs. caught south of buoy 39 in Moriches Bay while fishing out of Silly Lily Fishing Station on June 26.

GREAT SOUTH BAY/ FIRE ISLAND INLET

In the eastern sector of Great South Bay comes a report of baby blues and lots of snappers from Vinnie at **South Bay Fishing Station** in **West Sayville.** For fluke, Vinnie suggested working the change in the tide at Ocean Beach and noted that a few blowfish are being taken on baits meant for the flatties. Some sand porgies and some small sea bass at buoy 17 on squid strips or worms and a few small weakfish being taken locally but the summer run has been slow to develop. Crabbing is fantastic all over the area noted Vinnie.

A good body of bluefish and weakfish in F.I. Inlet being trolled on umbrella rigs and wire line as well as being jigged on small diamond jig and tube combos such as the 007 jig. Fluke have shown improvement in the area from West Channel to the Light both in quantity and quality. Big blues in good supply in 70' of water on out for chummers, trollers and jiggers. On the freshwater scene, Dave Canale of **J & R Sport Center** in **Oakdale**, who reported the above, made mention of 14 year old Michael Cancilla who fished Connetquot state park on Saturday and scored with a 3.9 pound brook trout.

Speaking from **Peppy's Bait and Tackle** in **East Islip**, Carmine Cioffi told of blues in the 8-10 pound class trolled on wire and umbrellas 155 degrees out of F.I. Inlet. The fish were found from 75' of water on out. Bay Shore Tuna Club Member Water Kuselewicz aboard his "My Thing" on Sunday ran all the way to 140' on a 160 degree heading to fill the box with big blues as a competitor in the Amity Harbor Chopper Roundup. Small blues are in and out of the inlet - just look for the birds. Some nice fluke taken this week at the north end of Snake Hill Channel. For offshore anglers, there were tuna and bonita in 160' of water South of the Inlet on Saturday and Sunday. They were trolled on yellow and green & red and white feathers.

Carl Miller of **Smokey's Bait and Tackle** in **Bay Shore** noted improved fluke action between West Channel and R.M. Bridge. More importantly, some of the best weakfishing of the season is taking place inside of F.I. Inlet with tiger tails, 007 jigs and A 27 jigs (both with tubes) taking lots of weaks along with bluefish in the 2-4 pound class. Best weakfishing is after dark for boatmen casting Rebels. One boatman on Saturday night had 35 weaks to 12 pounds single handedly

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on Rebel swimmers. Offshore, blues from 75 feet of water on out SW of the Inlet. Most are 8 pounds and up. Tuna in 160-180' this weekend along with an estimated 200 pound blue marlin which was raised twice by one boat only to have a large bluefish grab the lure before the big billfish could complete his pass of the same lure. Canyon fishing is great up until Thursday but action died on Friday and the slow fishing carried through the weekend.

Excellent fluke action over the weekend on both morning and afternoon trips according to Capt Neil Delanoy, Skipper of the **Bay Shore** open boat **Casey Lee**. The skipper figured somewhere in the neighborhood of 250 fluke on the day trips and 100-150 flatties for the afternoon runs. On Saturday, 6 year old Randy Paige had 8 nice fluke while on Friday's late trip 69 year old Ruth Denato had 13 good flatties. On Sunday, Neil made it a family affair as his dad, mom and sister sailed for the day and put away 26 good sized fluke.

Super bluefishing on Friday night south of the Three Sisters Wreck enjoyed by the party aboard Capt. Tom Burke's **Captree** charter boat **Lady Ann.** Approximately 700 blues in the 5-7 pound range came aboard. Fluking has been good with a Saturday afternoon charter from Summit Instruments accounting for 150 fluke working Snake Hill Channel on the last half of the flood tide. Tom noted that Sunday's charter also did well on the fluke and made mention that lots of taylor blues in the 1 pound class roam the bay.

Capt. Gordon Roman of the open boat **Captree Queen** said that bluefishing continues at its excellent pace with super fishing every night except Saturday. Friday was described by the skipper as "incredible." Fishing is being done SE of Three Sisters, North of the HA and SE of the NA. The bulk of the fish are in the 5-8 pound class. Fluke fishing is now as good as it has been all season with most fares accounting for 5-8 fish a piece. The skipper has been working between the R.M. Bridge and West Channel as the fish have now moved off of the flats and concentrated along the edges of the channels. The size has improved as well with most fish now being taken above the 14" legal minimum.

Capt. Ed Laske of the charter boat **Dixie** weighed a 7¼ pound blackfish at the **Captree** bait station for Charlie La Barras on Sunday. 11 year old John Weidenbaum had a 5¼ pound fluke the same day. Saturday's charter for Troter Singer and Co., saw Fred Louge top off a fine overall catch with his 4½ pound pool winner. The skipper told of having 200 keepers aboard by 11AM on Sunday fishing along the edge of the flats east of the bridge.

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the charter boat **Prime Time** returned from a Wreck trip on Saturday with a heavy catch of cod in the 4-8 pound class and sea bass in the 2 pound class. Of the fluking, Larry labelled it as pretty good with a party headed by Tom McDermot enjoying a real good day on Sunday. Best fluking has been between the Bridge and West Channel.

Aboard the **Captree** charter boat **Yankee III**, Capt. Bob Patafio spoke of improved fluking both in terms of quality and quantity. Best action has been concentrated between West Channel and the Coast Guard Station. 14 year old Joe Russo won Friday's pool while Marsha Goldberg led the way on Saturday with a fish just a shade under 6 pounds. The skipper added that night bluefishing remains very good.

Capt. Speedy Hubert of the **Speedy Fleet** said that bluefishing, particularly at night remained in top form for much of the week. He did make mention that Saturday's fishing for one reason or another was on the slow side. Action has been spread out primarily between Three Sisters area and the NA Buoy.

Just across the State Channel, Capt. Steve Bolton speaking from **The Bait Dock** told of good fluke fishing from the Coast Guard Station to the Lighthouse and on down through west channel on killie and squid combos. Steve figured 75% of all flatties being taken are of the keeper variety.

Lots of offshore news from **Augie's Bait and Tackle** in **Babylon** where Ralph Perrone told of the 404 pound mako taken last week by "Capt. Al" Giglio. Ralph also relayed news pertaining to the results of the Canyon Anglers Tournament held over the weekend. Pete Rhien, aboard his Tenderfoot put away a 295 big eye tuna to take 1st place in the tuna category while Joe salano finished up in 2nd with a 285 pound big eye taken aboard his Angel Jean. The marlin division was swept by the crew aboard the Jo-Lynn. They returned from a spot known as the dip with a pair of blue marlin weighing 346 and 348 pounds. Another contest held over the weekend was the Surfsid III Shark Affair. Fishing in that contest was Fred Kammerer aboard his Small Fry Fred who seems to specialize in huge tiger sharks, did it again, this time with a 720 pounder. Unfortunately the boatman encountered engine problems at the inlet and did not make the weigh in deadline hence the fish never did get its due. Ralph knew that the Weisel had a white marlin along with a bunch of yellowfin tuna in 160' of water on the weekend and closed with describing the ocean as being alive with bluefish.

A load of weakfish and bluefish seem to have camped amidst the hoards of sandeels in F.I. Inlet. Mike of **Lindenhurst Bait and Tackle** told of Jack and Doris Breitenbucher over the course of 3 days totalled 15 weaks up to 8 pounds and 97 bluefish between 2 and 4 pounds on 007 jigs

and Tiger Tail lures. Of the fluking, things have improved in the State Channel around the Amityville Cut as well as in Great South Bay. A Mr. Schneider worked the buoy 14 area on Friday on the last of the Ebb and the first of the flood and put away 25 fluke to 3½ pounds. Before hanging up Mike made one final note on the inlet weakfish which he said are real suckers for Rebel plugs fished after dark.

Capt. Len Sherman of the **Lindenhurst** boat **Fishfinder** fished Tom and John Ruane, Billy Zito and Bob Grimes on Thursday. They finished up the day with a good catch of bay blues as well as a few fluke which were taken between the WR buoy and the C.G. Station. On Saturday a party headed by Michael Cooney totalled 20 blues to 10 pounds and a 50 pound mako while chumming east of the NA buoy.

SOUTH OYSTER BAY

Boats running east to F.I. Inlet have been trolling lots of 2-5 pound blues on wire and umbrella rigs according to Gary Corbett of **Jonas Bait and Tackle** in **Copiague**. Fluke fishing was pretty good this past week particularly in the State Channel near the Amity Cut as well as in Massapequa Cove. Flounder still available for those interested in the deep holes around the 3rd Wantagh and the Meadowbrook Bridge.

John Dombrowski of **Pop's Fishing Staion** in **Seaford** suggested the Jones Beach Pier area for summering over winter flounder. Use dyed clams or tape worms if you can get them. Best bet for fluking in the area is Four Corners and the 3rd Wantagh Bridge. The best shot at a good catch is at the high water turn on killies or sandeels and squid. A few blowfish are mixed in with the fluke. On Thursday Andy Schilt had the best fluke of the week with his 5½ pounder. Blue claws are now being taken in the area but not in any great numbers and bay blues are still around according to John.

Fair fluking at Four Corners, the 2nd Bridge and Goose Creek said Lon Wanser of **Wanser Bait and Tackle** in **Seaford**. Use sand eels or spearing and squid added the baitman. Some flounder still available at the 3rd and the Meadowbrook bridges and some bass in the bay on bunker and clam bellies. After dark, a few weakfish falling to sand worms around the bridges. Lon knew that both casters and trollers took small blues in the 2-3 pound range this past week and weekend.

Not too many fluke but a few nice fish in the 4-5 pound range at Great Island Channel. On Saturday one boat totalled 14 flatties while another returned with 9. Lots of small blues, 1-3 pounds roaming the back bays. Art Wright of **Capt. Eddies Fishing Station** in **Seaford** who passed along the preceeding report told of looking over a catch of 17 small blues made by

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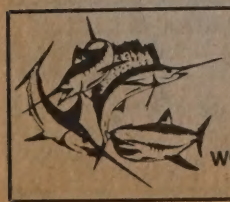

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the 2nd and 3rd Wantagh bridges by Bob Lowe.

Dennis Newman clicked with another nice striper. This one a 17 pounder according to Jimmy Boulukos of **Nick's Fishing Station** in **Merrick**. Bluefishing seems to be centered in the vicinity of the Three Sisters wreck where fish range anywhere from 5-10 pounds. Fluke fishing was slow this week said Jim although a few guys did manage 8-10 flatties, most only had a couple with the majority of the fish still shorts.

Western South Shore Report

by Stu Miller

WEST END BAYS & INLETS

An overview of this week's catches in this area showed fair to good fluking and generally good to red hot bluefishing for day and night blue boats.

Starting with the **Freeport Fleet** we determine from the **Freeport Boatmens Association** that while fluking was good during the week it tapered off on the weekend. Aboard the **Association** charter boats that fluked, the Jones Inlet and Riis Park area off the beaches were best. Bluefish trolling was productive Monday through Friday in just about all depths. The **Super Spray II** on Thursday saw Bob Schmitt of So. Hempstead with 15 keepers, while Brian Maddigan of Freeport, had 7 keepers. On Sunday on one of the half day trips Allan Nadler of Flushing took the $72 fluke pool with a 6 lber. off Lido. Canyon fishing tapered off on the weekend.

The **Starstream II** enjoyed excellent bluefish catches all week and weekend long working various areas including the Mud Hole. Saturday and Saturday night's trip were the only exception as this was an off day. However, Sunday catches bounced right back again and every drift produced 10-40 big fish. On Sunday a 15 lber. grabbed the pool. It's still diamond jigs daytime and bait and chum at night. The water is very warm with temperatures hovering around 76°. An estimated 400 lb. tuna was in the slick chasing blues and also 2 makos were leaping around in the slick, trying to eat bluefish during the week. Both day and night trips are equally productive.

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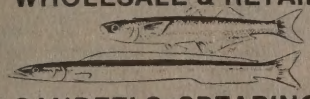

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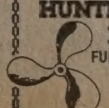

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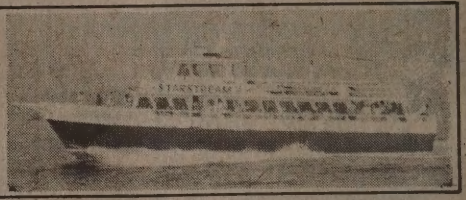

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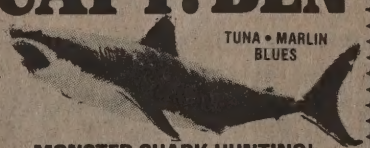

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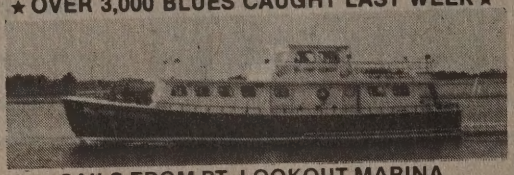

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bluefish a day on jigs. Sunday's trip saw Bronx angler Ralph Martinez hoist 35 blues and a weakfish. Dave Erlich of Merrick had a 12 lb. weak. Dave and 4 buddies on Sunday totalled 105 blues. Saturday's bluefish catch was fair at Cholera and then some red hot weakfishing was done off Rockaway with an additional score of over 200 weakfish up to 15 lbs. with loads of weaks being lost on top of that. Friday night's bluefish trip had over 650 blues caught with Roosevelt Rogers taking home 45. Al said the whole 7 day period was just fantastic.

Aboard the charter boat **Capt. Ben** a 210 mako and 105 lb. blue shark were taken early in the week just five miles east of the HA.

Saturday's charter aboard the **Mickey II** for Mike's Firehouse Pizza, Wantagh had good bluefishing in the afternoon trolling just outside Jones Inlet in 35' to 40' of water for 3-4 lb. blues, but LOTS of them. They then boogied on inside to top it off with some keeper fluke. Sunday was a fluke charter with a big improvement in the fishing in Jones Inlet and just off the beaches. A 5 lb. 3 oz. fluke took the pool for Vicky Smith of Freeport.

Aboard Capt. Dan's charter boat **Nan-Sea** Sunday saw Tony Marquez, Levittown and group hoist 2 150 lb. duskies which were both tagged and released along with a catch of bluefish up to 11 lbs.

Sunday saw a decent catch of fluke for Lou Garcia of Brooklyn and group on the charter boat **Lady J III**. They fished Reynolds and Jones taking most keepers, ending up with 30 legals. Saturday's charter for Avon Products had a tough day chumming fluke due to conditions. Friday night's trip for Nick's Steak House, Jamaica saw a very good catch of blues made despite the screaming tide. High hook was somewhere in the 20s.

Loads of blues while sharking, was the comment by Capt. Mike Miller of the **Apus Fleet**. Fishing was in 180' of water with slammers going 10-16 lbs. Two makos in the 100 lb. category were hooked and landed Saturday while an estimated 300 lb. mako was dropped. Lots of tiger shark were caught by his charters this week in the 175-225 lb. range while an estimated 500 lb. tiger was lost. No tuna around other than at the Canyon. It was a slaughter on 3-5 lb. blues for Sunday's group. No skippies yet.

Gary at **Hook, Line and Sinker Bait and Tackle** reports lots of blues just outside the inlet at West Bar in the 3 lb. class on umbrellas. The Three Sisters has been a prime chumming, trolling and jigging area for blues. The Tin Can Grounds have been alive with blues and weaks. Best fluke fishing this week has been outside off the beaches. Canyon action fell on its face Wednesday through Sunday.

The **Bluefin Fleet** had a slow Saturday on bluefish but had a good catch of blues Sunday along with 4 weakfish to 9 lbs. all on diamonds and tiger tails. Monday thru Friday's fishing was very good for blues in the 2-15 lb. range fishing SW and west of Jones. Fluking continues decent at the Inlet and along the beaches with pools consistently in the 4-5 lb. range. A charter for TF Motors, Valley Stream, had the best fluke catch

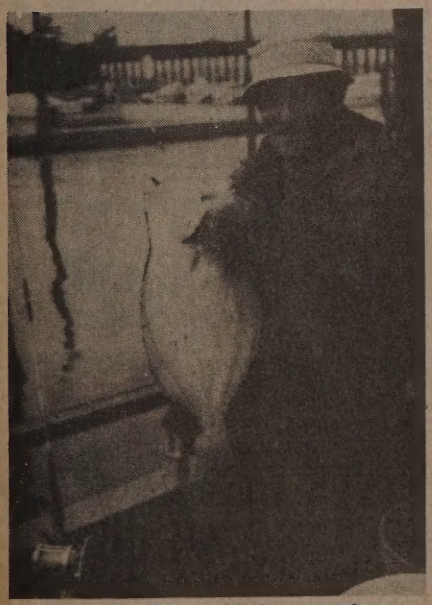
consisting of 4 fluke in the 4-5 lb. range.

Sunday's charter aboard the **Capt. Gary** for W. Miller and friends, fluke in the inlet and Swift Creek. High hook was Maureen Reipe with 9 keepers. Mary Ann Wagner took the pool with a 4 lb. fluke. Gary says he has 2 choice August dates still open.

Ronnie Bauer over at **Hudson Point Fishing Station** told us that the sharp fluke fisherman that he knows in the Hudson Anglers have been catching more and larger fluke in the back bays this weekend, particularly in Swift and Neds Creek and Merrick Cove with a lot of 2½ to 3 lb. fluke caught. Small blues between the Wantagh and Meadowbrook bridges on bucktails and bait tails. Some weaks on live bunker in the same area, fish 8-12 lbs. Good catches of flounder in the Coast Guard Station area.

Over in **Baldwin Arthur Street Fishing Station** tells of fair catches brought in with keeper fluke ranging anywhere from 4-12 per skiff, customers fishing Reynolds Channel by Sea Dog Creek and also the mouth of Scow Creek. Some blackfish in the deeper holes in Haunts Creek. Small snappers are in and small blues can be taken just outside Jones Inlet off Long Beach on a wide variety of lures.

Down in **Point Lookout,** Tom at **Scotty's Fishing Station** passed on theword of a 9 lb. doormat caught at the junction of Reynolds and Jones Inlet Friday on a killie-sand eel combo Lynn Smollen of Queens Village. Frank Balchitis and Rich Shustak fishing in a 19' outboard boated a 40 and a 50 lb. mako in 100' of water southeast of Jones. Flounder are still being taken east of the Meadowbrook bridge and fluke are coming in on the skiffs up to 5 lbs. Plenty of blues off the beaches for trollers and jiggers. A 19 lb. striper was caught on a bunker



Post Fishing Club member Symore shows the 3¾ lb. fluke he caught in Reynold's Channel aboard the Point Lookout charter boat "Marie III."

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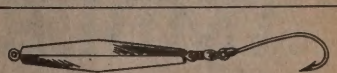

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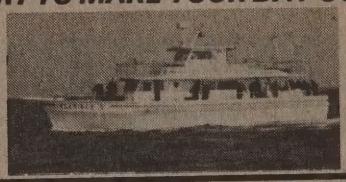

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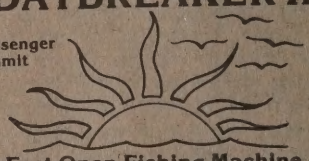

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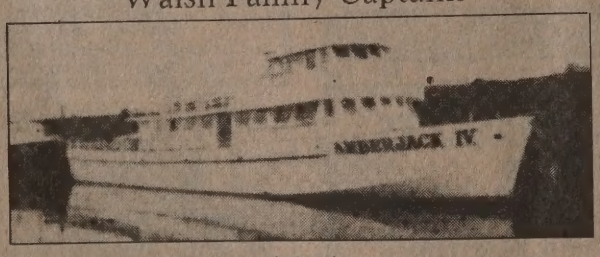

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chunk fished off the Pt. Lookout jetty by a young bass hound who dropped 3 other stripers. The bay is full of baby mackerel said Tom.

Tuesday night aboard the **Point Lookout** charter boat **Marie II** the group from Topsiders Restaurant, NJ had a bluefish slaughter at Three Sisters after dark. Eight people had over 100 blues on butters and chum. Fish ran 3-9 lbs. and high hook was 27 fish. Wednesday's group fished South of the G&D and had a very good pick of 6-10 blues on jigs. Many fish were dropped. Catches averaged 7-12 fish a man and there were also 2 makos swinging around in the slick. Friday's charter fished SE of the Sisters and again had super bluefishing on 3-7 lb. specimens on diamonds. A few 10 lb. fish were mixed in. Schools were thick.

The **Miss Point Lookout** reported very good fluking Monday, Tuesday and Wednesday on their morning trips. On Monday morning Morty Kramer had 16 keepers. Tuesday morning saw Alice and Sidney Eisenberg with 20 keeprs between them while Wednesday morning saw Alex Stoneman had 11 keepers. The average was 3-5 keepers a man with the flood tide working best. On Thursday Sal Camino was high hook with 12 keepers in the 2-3 lb. range. Night bluefishing remains a slaughter every trip. Wednesday's night crowd had over 600 fish. Paul Kamer was high hook with 52 blues. Seven men from the Pt. Lookout Fishing Club had 165 blues among them. Thursday night's catch was over 500 fish and Friday night's catch was over 700 fish. Saturday night was a pick.

Captain Billy Lindroth of the **Capt. Bill** told of good fluke catches Monday and Tuesday but then the number of fluke slowed on the inside but increased off the ocean beaches, with the ability to make a good drift being very important. The weekend's catches were okay, fares picked away and there was plenty of action. Friday's evening bluefish trip, the first one of the season featuring diamond jigging had good results. High hook was 10 blues and low hook was 5.

Marilyn at **Ed's Fishing Station** told us of good fluke catches during the week for those who knew their onions (and their fluke). Fifty-four keepers was the total for Thursday regulars Bruno Grabiec and Eddie Mikowsky. The duo had 40 keepers on Tuesday and 20 on Saturday, fishing the flats and North Channel. The area by the golf course also was productive, all on spearing and sand eels. Action died down on the weekend for most boats due to the extremely heavy boat traffic. Three hours on both side of the high has been best. Nice flounder catches in the CG area on worms. Good blackfishing on crabs at the Meadowbrook Bridge and T Wreck. Bluefish at Cholera and around the HA days and nights. Weaks off the Pt. Lookout jetties on squid strips or big Kastmasters.

Over in **Island Park** Capt. Clem o the **Commodore** has been working off the beaches at Playland. The skipper says it's been no blitz but fares are still averaging 6-8 keepers a man with a few sharpies racking up 15-20 keeper scores. Nice drifts are afforded by the cool ocean breezes. Clem advises using conventional gear for these ocean fluke due to the depths, heavier sinkers and a larger fishing rod. Twenty pound test is advised. On Sunday there was also a large catch of cocktail blues and a bonito. Small porgies are being taken in Reynolds off the piers and rocks.

Beckmann's Tackle in **Lynbrook** tells of loads of weakfish to 9 lbs. at the Tin Can on Tiger Tails and Nordic eels. There are loads of blues along with the weakfish in the 1-5 lb. class. Good fluking off Riis Park and in Ambrose Channel and loads of giant blues to 18 lbs. in 140' of water. Cholera and Three Sisters are good for 8-12 lb. choppers. Excellent blue claw crabs at Bay Park and the hot

This 124 lb. big-eye tuna was taken at the Hudson Canyon by Brian Berwind aboard the Four Winds. It was checked in at Skippy's Bait & Tackle in East Rockaway.

water creek (from Lilco) near Pete's Clam Bar. Tuesday and Wednesday cocktail blues blitzed the Jones Beach Piers giving pier fishermen the time of their lives.

The west in **Atlantic Beach**, Capt. Ronnie Lepper of the guide boat **Kim** told us of his great catches of morning and late afternoon weakfish. Fish have been averaging 6-12 lbs. on Tiger Tails. Ronnie's working the N.Y. Bight area including the channels.

Fluke seem to be thinning out off Riis Park said Al at **Reynolds Reef Fishing Station** and best catches are being made off Playland. Any bait fish along with squid or just a strip of belly will do the trick. Blackfish are hitting crabs at the Silver Point Jetty and small blues just outside the inlet are being umbrellaed, single tubes and jigged. Canyon fishing was a bus this weekend (bust). Super weakfishing is being done at the Tin Can on tiger tails, fair to good fluking from the west side of the AB bridge to the inlet with lots of midgets mixed in.

Over in **Long Beach**, **Long Beach Sports Marina** advises buoy 5 in Reynolds Channel has been productive on fluke with most keepers in the 2 lb. range. Largest of the week was Steve Rapp's 5 lber. which he took Saturday on live killies. Good catches of fluke and blues off Playland, fluke averaging 2-3 lbs. on squid or fish belly. Two to 4 lb. blues in 25' to 30' of water mixed in with the fluke. Jimmy Gentilesco and Erik Haag, age 8, had a mess of blues and fluke Sunday off Rockaway. Seven to 10 lb. weaks off Rockaway Inlet in the mornings on Tiger Tails. Snappers and blues starting in the back.

NEW YORK BIGHT

Over in **East Rockaway, Skippy's Bait and Tackle** confirms the good fluking at Playland roughly 1-1½ miles off the beach on all white bait combos. Fish are 1-5 lbers. with a lot of the bigger fish showing. Reynolds has slowed. Excellent crabbing at Bay Park. Small snappers showing now. Lots of small mako shark showing. Mike Andersen of Long Beach had 7 weaks to 8 lbs. fishing off Lido in the ocean close to the beach with red jelly worms with leadheads, RedFins and big Hopkins working well. A lot of these weaks are being dropped.

To the west in **Jamaica Bay**, Louie at **Bay Head Marine** told us of Gail, Tracy and Lucky, 3 young ladies who tinned 53 cocktails blues in Jamaica Bay near JFK's radar pier. Some schoolie bass were mixed in. A lure scoring surpringly well has been the Ultimus 2 oz. chopper spoon.

Pat at **J-Bay Boat Rentals** talks of lots large blues taking bunker chunks, with fish running 8-9 lbs. Tins are scoring with smaller 2½-5 lb. blues. These fish are moving around. Fluke are still being caught in the bay on squid-killie combos. Small porgies are all over the bay and improving in size on worms.

Artie at **Cross Bay Bait and Tackle** in **Howard Beach** says that off of both north and south channel bridges porgies are being taken on sand worms. Small blues are being taken on small chunk bait but slowing. Some weaks and school stripers are mixed in on chunks. This is best at night all around the high. In the bay eels are hitting worms. The preferred fluke bait has been killie-squid combos. Lots of small snappers on spearing and blueclaw crabs getting better daily. Eleven-year-old Cliff Freiss bagged a 3½ lb. striper on a bunker chunk off the North Channel bridge.

Over in **Sheepshead Bay**, Capt. Mike of the charter boat **Daybreaker** called to say that he's been having

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excellent weakfish catches for his charters of 2-4 men which are getting anywhere from 45 to 100 weakfish per trip plus a solid mixture of blues fishing between the channels. Just excellent fishing said the skipper. Sunday's catch was 50 weaks and 100 small blues on Nordic Eels and bait tails.

Captain Tom of the **Pilot II** has been having very good catches of afternoon weaks and blues. Friday night saw 200 weaks taken on diamond jigs and bait tails. Thursday night was equally good with weaks in the 5-10 lb. range. Daytime blackfishing and sea bass catches have been good but Tom has heard good porgy reports and will be checking it out this week.

The **Flamingo III** reports the best weakfishing of the year so far over this weekend and catches were good all week also with the exception of Thursday. Friday saw 80 weaks caught, 200 on Saturday and 75 on Sunday, all on diamond jigs and bait tails. Bluefish are mixed in. The weaks are averaging 6-8 lbs. with 10 and 11 lbers. taking the pools. Blues are running 2-5 lbs. This is all local fishing. Captain Walt has heard of a very large school of blues stretching from Long Branch to Elberon which will be moving up into the New York Bight area, so it looks like more excellent fishing to come.

Jimmy at **Stella Maris Bait & Ttackle** spoke of plenty of weakfish and the Tin Can and Ambrose Channel in the 4-12 lb. range on bait tails. Lots of blues at night being caught at the Three Sisters. Good day catches at Ambrose and the Channels. A lot of fluke being caught off the Coney Island flats and Riis Park. The bay is holding porgies, flounder and snappers and a few blue claw crabs.

Across the pristine waters in **Staten Island,** Lenny at **santos Sport Shop** tells us that Great Kills Harbor and the entrance thereto is loaded with school of 4-5 and 8-10 weaks and small blues. Weaks are being taken on worms, jelly worms, Kastmasters and tiger tails. Buoys 12 and 14, Princess Bay Channel are producing big weakfish and 12-15 lb. blues on live bunker. Princess Bay to Keyport is holding loads of 1-4 lb. blues for umbrella trollers and single tube draggers. The 21 can at the VZ bridge should be tried for 8-10 lb. weakfish and blues 12-14 lbs. and schoolie bass as well. It's a steady pick. Try bucktails on the bottom, live bunker or single tubes. Best bet for fluke is buoy 4 Annandale with a 50 percent keeper ratio.

North Shore Report

by Marty Garrell

WESTERN SOUND

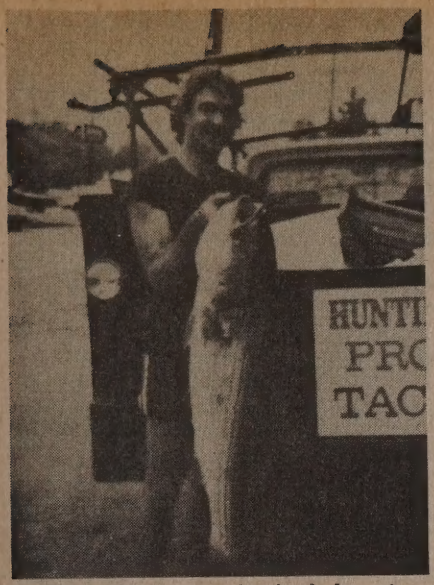
Bluefish are on tap for those who are willing to travel. Bottom anglers have a few porgies to look forward to, though numbers are down.

John's Gun and Tackle in New Rochelle reported an upswing in bluefish action in deep water east of Execution. Umbrella rigs were most productive but chunk fishermen had their innings as did diamond jig specialists. Greg Savino weighed a 15½ pound blue and Thomas Savino showed up with a 13 pound slammer. Bottom fishing was poor. John Palmieri himself walked off with a second prize in the Montauk Captains Association Shark Tourney with a 395 pound dusky.

From City Island, the **Ebb Tide III** was running anywhere from Ry to Northport to find blues and some weaks for diamond jiggers. Amateurs were happy with 3 or 4 fish perday, but some of the boys in the bow were knocking out good numbers. Blues were 3 to 10 pounds and outnumbered weaks by about 6 to 1. Dom Cerbone told us that the **Apache** was working on mixed bags of flounder, blackfish, and porgies with flounder off Lloyds and the most reliable bottom action off the Norwalk Islands. Smithtown Bay was getting good on Porgies until draggers moved in on the fish.

There are still flounder off Prospect and Sands Point according to **Jack's Bait and Tackle.** Porgy fishing is not great and blackfish are now small. Joe Batista checked in on catch of 6 fluke in the 2 to 3 pound range, and there are bluefish at the K Buoy.

The **Glen Cove Sport Shop** reported spotty fishing with best activity at sunset and first light for blues to 12 pounds in Hempstead Harbor. Maxwells and Loews are worth a try for



Eric Thomson checked in at Huntington Prop and Tackle with this 32 lb. striper. It was taken on a jointed Rebel at Marshall Fields.

blues and weaks and there are some fluke at the Estate, too.

The open boat, **Lady Lil III** had a good weekend on the Penfield Reef off Bridgeport. Joe Fink worked blues in the 3 to 6 pound range with Ava 47's and found unumbers all the way up to 36 choppers for Sean Driscoll of Mineola. Last Tuesday, the Lil mixed 80 weaks in with her catch. Frank Ackley called to say that the **Tarpon** did a job on blues off Northport on Friday for Leslie Plump's party, putting 33 fish in the boat with down riggers and wire. The choppers were 3 to 6 pounds, with most of the fish in the larger size class.

NORTH SHORE MID-ISLAND

Night owls seem to have the best of the weakfish action now, but jigging diamonds and other lures is productive at times for the massive schools of weaks and blues. Fluke are popping into the news with some porgy action as well.

Huntington Prop suggested getting off Makamah early in the day with Tiger Tails and Teardrops for weakfish action and called the fishing off Marshall Fields "spotty." One catch of 9 weaks and a 10 pound bass was reported. Ronnie Ferraro at **Ronnies** liked Rebels or worms fished before first light, while George Valentine at **Four Winds Bait and Tackle** left that evening jigging was a good bet for catches up to 20 weakfish.

On the fluke scen off Huntington there were some fish reported off Eatons and Crab Meadow with a lot of throwbacks, but the biggest fish were taken on jigs off Callahans. One 7½ pound doormat was weighed after being taken while trolling a Bucktail.

Despite severe inroads by draggers, there seem to be some porgies

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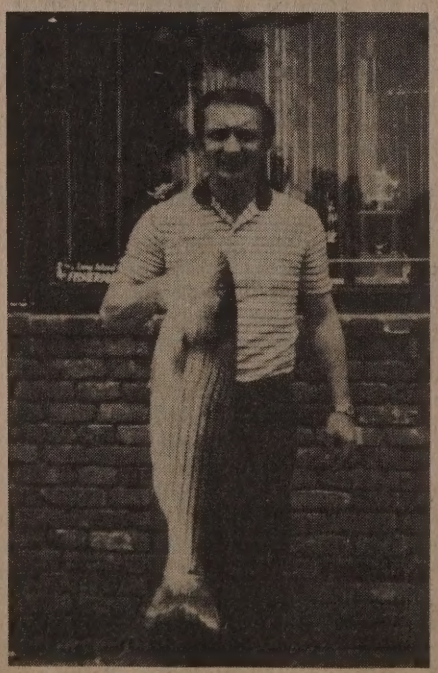

This 20 lb. bass was taken at Eaton's Neck on a sand worm by John Chase. It was weighed at Ronnies Bait & Tackle in Huntington Station.

left in the area between Eatons and Smithtown Bay. Query George Valentine at Four Winds on this one.

Packy Collins called to say that the **Ever Ready** was pulling bluefish in the 2 to 10 pound range anywhere from the Lilco platform to Oldfield in mid-sound. Sunday catches ranged from 5 to 17 per fare. Weakfish in the catch were 5 to 6 pounds with a few as high as 12 pounds. Night fishing is showing signs of life with some per fare catches of 8 weaks or more. The **Packy IV** had several good charters last week. Stan Zelazny and a party of four hauled 15 weaks, 8 blues and 6 pourgies on worms on Friday night off Eatons, while Rudy May, Dave May and Roy McGuire pulled 15 weaks to 12 pounds on jigs on Thursday night.

The fishing was slow until late last week in the Northport area according to Tom Bowman at **Bowman's** then nighttime catches of weakfish picked up and diamond jigging began to provide results as well.

Some porgies were noted off Old Field and fluke were taken off Belle Terre around Port Jefferson. Candy Caraftis at the **Caraftis Station** said that 50 scup per boat was a reasonable number and that four keeper fluke was average. Weaks and blues were off the Pink House and Buoy 11. The **Aqua Gem** from Port Jeff was averaging 5 or 10 weaks per fare with fish inthe 5-9 pound class. Jeanette Fisher said that the action was mostly local and they are hoping it will last for a while.

Dick Brown at **Dicks Sporting Goods** liked the fluking of Miller Place, particularly off the Water Tower and the Second Stairway. Fluke are nice fish, 18 to 20 inches, and only some 20% are shorts. Blues in the area range anywhere from 1½ to 8 pounds and inshore is a good bet for weaks. Ralph Davenport at **Ralphs** in Mount Sinai felt that there were enough medium porgies off the beaches for decent fishing now. He commented that 3 to 5 weaks in 4 hours of angling was about the average.

NORTH FORK

Porgy fishing is on the upswing right now with generally good fluking in the area. Torrid diamond jig action for weaks and blues has died for the moment, and summer weakfish seem to be making an early appearance.

Art White at the **A.P. White Bait Shop** in **Greenport** said that some of the best porgy catches were coming from the Sound all the way from Pettys Bight and Rocky Point to Town Beach, with small boats doing extremely well. George Porter of the **Brand X** said that some of the scup were 1½ to 3½ lbs. in the shoal water, but that strong tides often made heavy sinkers necessary. On Saturday and Sunday, Porter fished Plum and Gardiners Islands and found 40-50 porgies per fare with 80 fish high hooks.

Fluke are showing all the way from

Larry Winston, Bill Brayer and Guy Harrigan show a half dozen weaks taken east of Gardiner's Island on July 3. Subscriber photo.

Pettys Bight back to Mattituck Inlet, according to reports gleaned from Ace Cottral at the **Port of Egypt** and Charlie Caraftis at the **Mattituck Inlet Fishing Station.** Sand eel-squid combinations are picking up many fish in the 15'' to 19'' range with a few 6 lb. flatties in deeper water. Fluke were also showing at the Ruins off Gardiners and in Gardiners Bay off East Marion.

Rod DeLisle called to say that the weaks and blues appear to have shifted eastward and that the bonanza days have dropped off but that fluking was excellent.

De Lisle's **Prowler** scored well early last week, as did Richie Jensen, whose **Nancy Ann** enjoyed Jensen's ''best weakfish day...ever'' on the past Monday with John Scanlon's party. On Tuesday, there were only 5 weaks taken in that same area. Gardiners fluking was described as a pick, but there were some weaks and a lot of 2 lb. blues around.

Ed Kopack at **Warren's** in **Aquebogue** recorded an incredible catch by Harry Harrison of West Hempstead, fishing off Gardiners. Harrison had blues, blacks to 8 lbs., flounder to 2½ lbs., porgies to 3 lbs., and fluke to 6 lbs. in one day's fishing. Kopack also saw Sid Woodfield haul in 10 weaks to 9½ lbs. along with some porgies off Buoy 2 in Great Peconic Bay.

The Lorias at **Capt. Marty's** in **New Suffolk** were looking at decent porgy catches of fish to 1 lb. from the South Race and Roses. Every catch of 30-40 scup has a couple of weaks and perhaps a few small blues mixed in.

Some large porgies were taken by **Port of Egypt** boats in Southold Bay, by anglers fishing carefully on the lift. One Friday party had 3 weaks around buoys 12 and 14, and Ace Cottral feels that there are definitely summer weaks around those areas and the Monastery.

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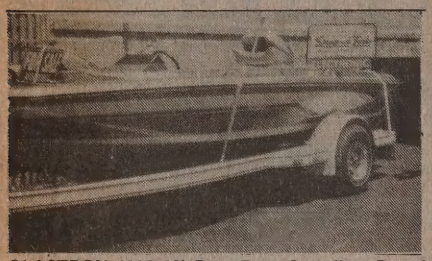

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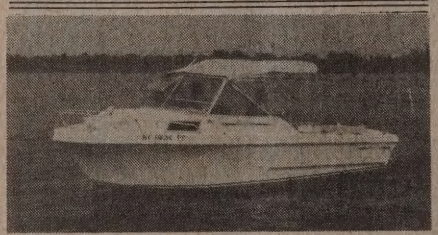

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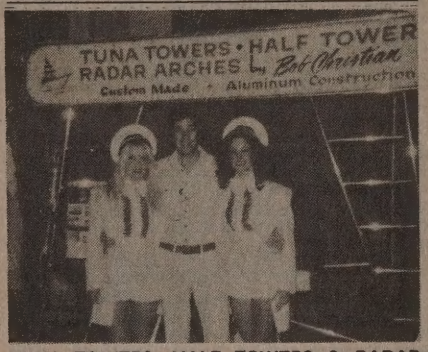

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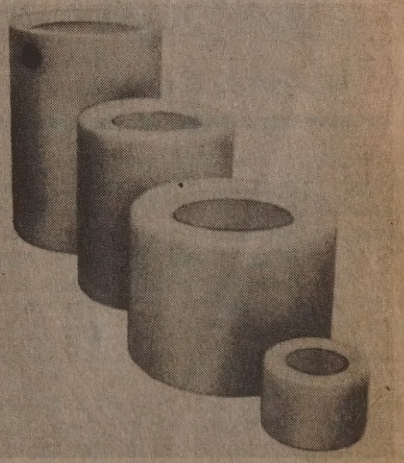

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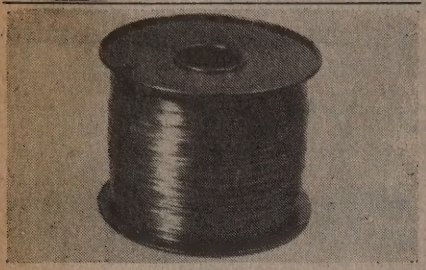

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Surf Report

by Fred Golofaro

Bluefish are still camped along Staten Island beached according to Kevin KONCELIK OF **Santo's Sport Shop** in **Staten Island**. Big blues, 12-14 pounds, remained down near the Bridge along South Beach and Cliff St. Best bet for these slammers is a bunker chunk fished after dark. Small blues in the 2-5 pound range are all over the Great Kills Park area with some 4-5 pound weaks mixed with them. Tins are taking these fish and its possible to encounter action anytime of the day although your best bet is sunrise and sunset.

Small blues were also taken in Jones Inlet on tins over the weekend and they were no strangers to F.I. Inlet either. Great South Bay Anglers Club member Marty Beer told of lots of small blues around the Sore Thumb this past week along with a sprinkling of weakfish. One caster had 4 on Monday. Small blues and weaks at Democrat Point and inside the inlet back to the beach buggy entrance according to several reliable sources. Sandworms are working on the weaks after dark at the Point and tins are also taking fish at night as they did las summer.

From **Speck's Bait and Tackle** in **Southampton**, Thom Speckenbach relayed word of some encoraging bass action on the east side of Shinnecock inlet in recent days. Thom knew of at least 5 individuals who scored with bass from the high teens into the 40 pound class and told of one caster who had five of the fish. Small blues providing some sporadic action along Southampton's ocean beaches and on the inside shore near Heady Creek.

A few bass again in the news out at **Montauk**. Johnny Kronuch of **Johnny's Tackle Shop** knew of the few fish taken along the south side along with some weakfish. George Delecki clicked with a 33 pound bass, Joey Bragan Jr. managed a 23 pounder along with 10 weakfish while Sal Zanca took a 28 pound bass which he had just finished weighing in Monday morning when I spoke to John. Weakfish also continue to be taken at Shagwong with the best action being found near the bottom of outgoing water on 5½ inch Redfins. There was at least one 30 pound striper mixed with the weaks over the weekend. It was taken by an unnamed caster. Fish on the south side are falling to loaded 7" Redfins in comparison to the smaller plugs being fished on the north side.

North shore beaches from Eaton's Neck to Cranes Neck are well populated with weakfish and small blues. Ronnie Ferraro of **Ronnie's Bait and Tackle** in **Huntington** reported the best action being found at Makamah and Asharoken and some activity at Crab Meadow. Weaks are best after dark on 5½ inch jointed Rebels while small blues fall readily to tins such as the Tri-Fin spoon jig mornings and evenings. Only an occasional bass being picked along beaches in this area.

Lots of weakfish also in evidence in Sunken Meadow where Steve Bunai and his brother Dave managed 3 weaks to 10½ pounds on Rebels and Alou Shoestrings Saturday night. Steve told of lots of fish in evidence but the fish were very picky.

To the east, Ed Natyka at **Rocky Point Fishing Stop** said that most beach action involves small blues in the 2-3 pound class with an occasional larger chopper thrown in. The fish invade local beaches in the early morning and evening hours where they are readily taken on spoon jigs, Hopkins and Kastmasters. Here and there a few weaks move in and are taken on the spoon jig and tube combos but the main body of fish has remained offshore. Bass news from the area has been nil in recent weeks.

Out on the North Fork not much doing except for some spotty action with small blues down around Horton's Point. Overall the surf scene remains pretty quiet out this way according to Ed Kopack of **Warren Bait and Tackle** in **Aquebogue**.

High Tide Tables

How to use tide tables:

To compute the high tide for the area you wish to fish, simply find the closest area on the conversion tables. Add or subtract the hours and minutes as indicated from that areas station above. Example: "Shinnecock Inlet...–0 50" is listed under "ON SANDY HOOK." –0 50 means you subtract 50 minutes from the times given for the SANDY HOOK STATION for the day you are going fishing. This is the approximate time for the high tide in the area. For low tide, add 6½ hours to this figure.

DAY	SANDY HOOK		Breakwater Harbor		NEW YORK		NEW LONDON		WILLETS POINT		BRIDGE-PORT		NEWPORT		DATE
	AM	PM	AM	PM	AM	PM	AM	PM	AM	PM	AM	PM	AM	PM	
THUR.	9:55	10:10	10:35	11:00	10:35	10:50	11:20	11:40	12:55	1:35	12:40	1:15	9:40	10:05	7/22
FRI.	10:45	11:00	11:30	11:50	11:30	11:45	–	12:15	1:50	2:35	1:35	2:10	10:35	10:55	7/23
SAT.	11:40	11:55	–	12:25	–	12:25	12:30	1:10	2:50	3:30	2:30	3:00	11:25	11:45	7/24
SUN.	–	12:35	12:40	1:20	12:40	1:15	1:25	2:05	3:50	4:25	3:20	3:55	–	12:15	7/25
MON.	12:45	1:25	1:40	2:15	1:30	2:10	2:25	3:05	4:50	5:30	4:15	4:50	12:40	1:10	7/26
TUE.	1:35	2:10	2:30	3:15	2:20	3:00	3:25	4:05	6:00	6:30	5:15	5:40	1:30	2:05	7/27
WED.	2:25	3:05	3:30	4:10	3:10	3:50	4:25	5:00	7:00	7:25	6:15	6:40	2:30	3:05	7/28
THUR.	3:15	4:00	4:30	5:05	4:05	4:45	5:30	5:55	8:00	8:20	7:15	7:35	3:20	3:55	7/29

On SANDY HOOK

STATEN ISLAND	+0 27
ATLANTIC HIGHLANDS	–0 01
Red Bank, Navesink, R.I.	+0 48
Long Branch	–0 34
SHARK RIVER INLET	–0 18
Shark River Basin	+0 27
MANASQUAN INLET	–0 12
Seaside Park	–0 33
Mantoloking zbridge	+5 34
TOMS RIVER	+4 37
Waretown	+2 33
BARNEGAT LIGHT	–0 20
Manahawkin Bridge	+2 33
Beach Haven	+1 47
LITTLE EGG INLET	–0 01
Seven Islands	+0 12
Graveling Point	+1 05
Mullica River	+1 55
Grassy Bay	+1 08
ABSECON INLET	+0 14
Atlantic City Pier	–0 26
Gt. Egg Harbor Inlet	+0 12
GREAT EGG HARBOR	+0 46
CORSON INLET	+0 09
TOWNESEND INLET	+0 06
HEREFORD INLET	+0 02
Grassy Sound Bridge	+0 45
Cape May Harbor	–0 02
Rehoboth Beach	–0 07
INDIAN RIVER INLET	+0 14
SHINNECOCK INLET	–0 50
Shinnecock Bay	+1 25
East Quogue	+2 45
Shinnecock Canal	+1 18
Indian Reservation	+3 05
MORICHES INLET	–0 56
Smith's Point	+3 28
Narts Cove	+1 30
Pontunck Point	+3 35
Mastic Beach	+3 28
FIRE ISLAND INLET	–0 38
Democrat Point	–0 38
Coast Guard Station	–0 19
Fire Island Light	+0 47
GREAT SOUTH BAY	
Sayville	+3 39
Heckscher State Pk.	+3 20
Bay Shore	+2 23
Babylon	+2 12
Amityville	+2 21
JONES INLET	–0 19
Zachs Bay	+1 25
Seaford Harbor	+2 05
Freeport Creek	+0 34
E. ROCKAWAY INLET	–0 06
Long Beach Bridge	+0 19
ROCKAWAY INLET	–0 00
Beach Ch. Bridge	+0 38
JFK Airport	+0 26

On BRIDGEPORT

Lloyd Point	+0 08
Cold Spring Harbor	+0 08
Bayville Bridge	+0 13
Eatons Neck Point	+0 03
Northport Bay	+0 03
Norwalk Islands	+0 10
Smithtown Bay	–0 03
Cranes Neck Point	+0 05
Port Jefferson Harbor	+0 03
New Haven Harbor	+0 08
Mount Sinai Harbor	–0 08
Herod Point	–0 07
Mattituck Inlet	+0 19
Horton Point	–0 20
Truman Beach	–0 42
Falkner Island	–0 13
Sachem Head	–0 10
Branford Harbor	–0 07
New Haven Harbor	–0 08
Milford Harbor	–0 07
Stratford	+0 27
Shelton	+1 36
Black Rock Harbor	–0 03
Saugatuck River	–0 01
South Norwalk	+0 10
Greens Ledge	–0 01
Stamford	+0 04
Cos Cob Harbor	+0 06
Greenwich	+0 02

On NEW LONDON

Orient Point	+0 27
Little Gull Is. (Race)	+0 12
Greenport	+1 04
Southold	+1 43
New Suffolk	+2 26
South Jamesport	+2 32
Shinnecock Canal	+2 33
Noyack Bay	+2 05
Sag Harbor	+0 59
Gardiners Bay	+0 21
Promised Land	–0 14
Montauk Inlet	–0 25
Montauk Point	–1 13
Niantic	+1 20
Stonington	–0 33
Noank, Mystic River	–0 23
THAMES RIVER	
Smith Cove	–0 01
Norwich	+0 09
CONNECTICUT RIVER	
Saybrook jetty	+1 10
Lyme	+1 24
Essex	+1 38
East Haddam	+2 41
Higganum Creek	+2 54

On WILLETS PT.

Little Neck Bay	–0 10
Execution Light	–0 06
Manhasset Bay	–0 01
Hempstead Harbor	–0 11
City Island	–0 03
Rye Beach	–0 28
Port Chester	–0 09
Mamaroneck	–0 08
New Rocheele	–0 24
Davids Island	–0 02

On B'WATER HB.

CAPE MAY POINT	–0 10
Miami Beach	+1 17
East Point	+0 53
Egg Island Point	+0 33
Cape Henlopen	–0 05
ROOSEVELT INLET	+0 09
Mispillion River Ent.	+0 33
St. Jones River Ent.	+0 57

On NEW YORK

Jersey City	+0 07
Geo. Washington Br.	+0 46
Spuyten Duyvil	+0 58
Ossining	+1 53
Peekskill	+2 24
West Point	+3 16
Newburg	+3 42

On NEWPORT

Sakonnet	–0 10
Tiverton	+0 21
Beavertail Point	–0 02
Prudence Is., Sandy Pt.	+0 10
Bristol	+0 10
Warren	+0 21
Nayett Point	+0 12
Pawtucket	+0 21
East Greenwich	+0 16
Wickford	+0 12
Narragansett Pier	–0 08
Point Judith Harbor	–0 07
BLOCK ISLAND	
Great Salt Pond	+0 05
Old Harbor	–0 14
Watch Hill Point	+0 44

Sunrise/Sunset

7/23	5:44	8:28
7/24	5:45	8:27
7/25	5:46	8:26
7/26	5:47	8:25
7/27	5:48	8:24
7/28	5:49	8:23
7/29	5:50	8:22

Moonrise/Moonset

7/23	8:54AM	10:39 PM
7/24	10:04AM	11:10 PM
7/25	11:11AM	11:38 PM
7/26	12:15 PM	–
7/27	1:17 PM	12:05AM
7/28	2:18 PM	12:32AM
7/29	3:18 PM	1:01AM

Moon Phases

NEW	1st Qtr.	FULL	2nd Qtr.
7/20	7/27	7/6	7/14

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The major periods begin at the time shown and last for 1½ to 2 hours thereafter, and are in the bold type face. The minor periods are shorter in duration and lighter type face.

	AM		PM	
	Minor	Major	Minor	Major
Thurs.	7:10	12:55	7:45	1:30
Fri.	8:10	2:00	8:45	2:30
Sat.	9:10	3:00	9:40	3:25
Sun.	10:00	3:50	10:30	4:15
Mon.	10:55	4:45	11:20	5:05
Tues.	11:40	5:30	—	5:55
Wed.	12:10	6:10	12:20	6:35
Thurs.	12:50	6:50	12:55	7:15

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